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'Right-to-work' legislation would make it illegal for employees to join a union at a unionized company, and the implications have many worried. Supporters of the bill claim that it will help create jobs in the flagging economy.. Those against it warn that it will annihilate the collective bargaining power held by unions.

BY AUSTIN CONSIDINE COVER PHOTO BY STEPHEN SIMONETTO

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Butler Symphony Orchestra Concert* 8 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall

Saturday, Feb. 19

Women's Basketball vs. Loyola

2 p.m., Hinkle Fieldhouse Adult \$7; Youth (Ages 3-12) \$4

Bassoon Day*

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall

Saturday, Feb. 19

Clowes Presents:

The Manhattan Transfer and John Pizzarelli

8 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall Tickets: \$35, \$30, \$25 adult; \$30, \$25, \$20 student/senior; \$20, \$17.50

Sunday, Feb. 20

All-Star Band and Butler Wind Ensemble

2 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall

Butler Men's Tennis vs. Toledo* 2 p.m., Tennis Bubble

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Faculty Artist Series - New Music by JCFA Faculty Composers*

7:30 p.m., Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall

J. James Woods Lectures in the Sciences and Mathematics*

"The Virus Hunter," Nathan Wolfe 7:30 p.m., Atherton Union, Reilly Room

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Butler Women's Tennis vs. Xavier* 3 p.m., Tennis Bubble

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Vivian S. Delbrook Visiting Writers Series* Mark Halliday

7:30 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall, Krannert Room

Saturday, Feb. 26

Men's Basketball vs. Loyola

2 p.m., Hinkle Fieldhouse Adult \$35, \$26, \$18; Youth (Ages 3-12) \$9

Butler Women's Tennis vs. Evansville* 2 p.m., Tennis Bubble

Sunday, Feb. 27

Clowes Presents: Kodo

4 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall Tickets: \$40. \$35, \$30 adult; \$35, \$30, \$25 student/senior; \$20, \$17.50

Tuesday, March 1

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7:30 p.m., Atherton Union, Reilly Room

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7:30 p.m., Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall

Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26

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Disappointed in Denver
It is sad that the design opportunity of a project of this magnitude is wasted (see "Carmel's Failure of Imagination," Hoppe, Feb. 9-16), but is expected in a place such as Carmel.

Having worked on a few performing arts centers in my past, I also am to assume that the designers involved gave Carmel what they thought Carmel wanted or needed and apparently not much more from what I see and read.

Most architects are constrained by the desires and approvals of their clients. After living in Indy for 10 years, I've been in the Denver area for almost 4 years and have not seen this project in person. Buildings by big name designers do draw attention and people. They sometimes also draw attention to their problems, but honestly those problems are not any greater or more in quantity than a building designed by the local talent. Every building has its share of problems, most of which is never 'news.' I can safely say I will not travel to Carmel just to see this building as I am sure most everyone else will not as well.

The bottom line for Carmel is if it is a wellfunctioning building (acoustics being everything), then Carmel got what it needed to serve the purpose. But it also missed a unique opportunity that comes around once in a city like Carmel's lifetime — to engage, entertain and enhance the design of their community.

Of course, that point can be argued like any other. I'm glad I live in Denver.

Keith Clark DENVER, COLO.

Friends and neighbors

I'm surprised that with your left-leaning attitudes that you would support elimination of township offices (see "Townships' time to go," Hoppe, Jan. 26 to Feb. 2). Had Julia Carson not had millions to give away to her "poor" friends and neighbors while Center Township Trustee, she never would have had the grassroots support to be elected to Congress.

David E. Brewer

'Right to Work'

The same people that have been elected to say they want to help the people of this state seem to not understand that passing the "Rightto-Work" bill would hurt many Hoosiers (see "Gettin' er done," News, Feb. 2-9). The union companies pay a set wage with health care and a pension. This makes people in our communities enjoy a better lifestyle, invest and spend money in our local markets and not use the ser-

vices of the state for our health care needs due to low wages and no insurance.

There are many contractors that are non-union, not paying any benefits for healthcare or retirement. Many of these employees use the services of the state, supplied by taxpayers for their health care. This is not good for our economy.

Men and women are educated on their craft at the apprenticeship training facilities. The people in the union trade are skilled and work hard every day to produce quality craftsmanship.

Posted by "Don" COMMENT FROM NUVO.NET

No tacos for Delph

I would like to make a request of State Sen. Mike Delph (R-Carmel) that if he does not want the Spanish language in Indiana government transactions, I do not want him speaking Spanish, tweeting in Spanish, eating at Latin (or Latin themed) restaurants (i.e. Taco Bell, Qdoba, Chipotle, Moe's), accepting goods or services from any Hispanic person or ever finding a Hispanic man or woman sexually attractive (see "No bueno," News, Feb. 9-16). If he does not want my cultural identity in this state, I do not want him involved in my culture.

In addition: listening to Latin music, going to Zumba classes, purchasing nachos at sporting events, using jalapeños as toppings, drinking tequila and vacationing in Latin American countries.

Posted by ohEMMAgee

COMMENT FROM NUVO.NET

Eye-opening

really don't understand your argument (see "Obama, race and abortion," Hammer, Jan. 26 to Feb. 2). So you don't want abortion to be made illegal but... you want pro-abortion rights people to do... what?

Also, did you really just make the argument that a woman having an abortion could have potentially kept Jesse Jackson from entering the world? I'm pretty sure that's the argument people were making in my 8th grade debate class, but it's not really relevant for adults to use. I could make the same argument and say that a woman could have had an abortion and kept the Jeffrey Dahmers and Saddam Husseins from inflicting their pain and suffering on the world. But that would be ridiculous.

By the way, thanks for providing such an "alternative" view of women's rights, NUVO. Just keep on bringing the uneducated opinions of white, middle-class men. It's so new and eye-opening.

Posted by "Sarah Miller" COMMENT FROM NUVO.NET



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Music's big night out

Grammys put music back on road to relevance

> **BY STEVE HAMMER** SHAMMER@NUVO.NET

opular music is one of the great passions of my life and I've spent almost 30 years of my career writing about it. Although I've left the game for the new generation of music journalists to sort out, I still enjoy music with as much passion as I did as a teenager listening to London Calling or the White Album for the first time.

This year's Grammys, the television event where the music business hurls a little bit of everything at a confused nation for three hours a year, was a messy, vulgar, over-thetop affair as usual.

For the first time in years, things are looking up for the field of recorded music, which completely collapsed for good in the mid-1990s after a decline that started around the time that John Lennon died and picked up steam as the millennium approached.

There are actually new superstars and legends of the 21st century. Beyonce and Jay-Z are known the world over in the same way Michael Jackson was. And whether you're a fan or not, Lady Gaga is this decade's version of Madonna and Taylor Swift our Stevie Nicks.

Meanwhile, there seems to be a greater appreciation of the great legacy of recorded music bequeathed us by previous generations. The Beatles, Miles Davis, Bob Dylan and Tupac Shakur are heroes to countless

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numbers of young Americans, and disaffected high-school kids still have posters of Kurt Cobain and the Sex Pistols on their walls.

The Grammys broadcast mixed Dylan, Mick Jagger and Barbra Streisand with Rihanna and Arcade Fire, and the strange mash-up worked. This year

marked a return of style, swagger and sexiness that made Grammy shows such a blast when I watched them as a child in the '70s.

The music industry seems like a more enjoyable business now that it has accepted the fact many people who consume recorded music prefer to steal it instead of buying it. Artists have long dreamt of a day when "music would be free," although they got more in the bargain than they'd hoped.

Maybe there are still teenagers who flock to music stores and enthusiastically spend their allowance money or their paycheck from McDonald's on CDs, but most young people I know download whatever they want for free whenever they feel like listening to it.

Music has changed from a product enjoyed in a physical form — crates full of vinyl, CDs and tapes — to a much less constrained product. If you want to download the entire recorded history of the Beatles or Pink Floyd, for example, all you need is a high-speed

Internet connection and BitTorrent, not a fistful of \$20 bills.

When you have an unlimited supply of music, as most music fans do, you tend to pick a little bit of everything. Billie Holliday and Paramore. The Flaming Lips and Donovan. Classic soul and jazz and rap are just a click away.

Whether there is an immorality in stealing vast amounts of music is an irrelevant point, since wishing people started spending big money on music again is like wishing Bill Clinton was back in the White House. It simply isn't going to happen.

So with the music executives seemingly surrendering to the inevitable, they put on a Grammys show that encapsulated the most outrageous elements of modern music while still trotting out the oldtimers for another turn in the spotlight.

Seeing Cee-Lo Green dressed like Elton John was great fun at the Grammys, as much fun as admiring Katy Perry's bountiful cleavage and Rihanna's dancing. The fact that Bob Dylan's voice sounds even more hoarse and gravelly than it did five years ago is a reason to celebrate.

When Arcade Fire, an independent label band, finally took home the prize for Album of the Year and closed the show with two stirring numbers, the picture was complete.

This was the year that the music business stopped trying to fight the battles of the recent past and began, at long last, to get back to its roots as the purveyor of wild, colorful, energetic fun.

It seems as if the reality has sunken in. Even the cheapest iPod will hold hundreds and hundreds of songs, available on demand. This metamorphosis has solved the inherent problems of the music industry's delivery issues by eliminating them entirely. There is no need for record labels except as publicity machines, not aggressive sales agents — and they're not even very good for that.

What the music business is good at, however, is finding attractive, voluptuous women to sing pop songs, groups of nervous young men to summarize teenage angst, and convincing the hitmakers from decades gone by to come out and play one more time.

In that sense, the Grammys served its purpose as an informercial for recorded music. More than that, it held out the hope that music, once again, might someday return to its former position as the most vibrant, innovative and exciting medium in entertainment.

If so, it would be a welcome return to relevance that music hasn't seen in years. Let's hope it happens. ■







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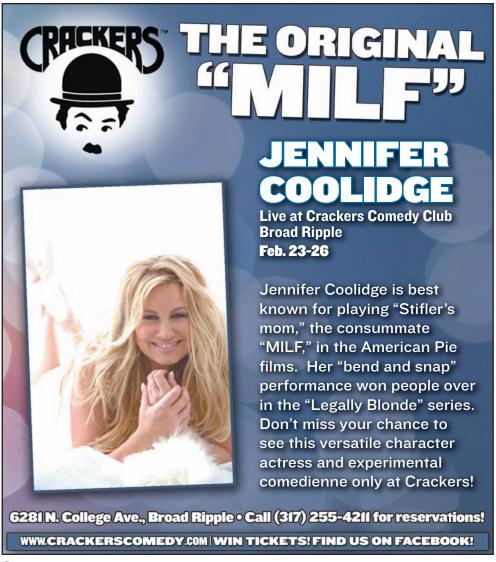












HOPPE

The opportunistic Mike Delph

A Hoosier tradition we can do without

> BY DAVID HOPPE **DHOPPE@NUVO.NET**

ndiana. It figures.

The state is beset with real problems: high unemployment, a sputtering education system and failing grades for environmental quality. We're saddled with an antiquated township system of local government that siphons precious tax dollars away from underfunded public services.

So what are Republicans talking about at the Statehouse?

Immigration reform.

Carmel Republican Sen. Mike Delph has brought forth a piece of legislation, Senate Bill 590, that would require you to prove you're in this country legally if a cop decides he doesn't like the way you look or speak the language - that is, if the cop has what Delph calls "reasonable suspicion" about your status.

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Make that if you look Mexican.

Delph and many of his fellow Republicans believe the federal government has made a hash of enforcing the country's immigration laws. That's a fair point. A point, it should be added, that might apply equally to a number of other things the federal government is empowered to do, from conducting foreign policy to the allocation of tax dollars.

When it comes to immigration, though, Sen. Delph and his colleagues aren't content to grumble about the federal government; they're determined to do something about it.

And so Indiana may be on the verge of joining Arizona as having the harshest immigration policy in the country.

Delph's bill would not only demand that people - anyone, that is, with a Latinosounding name or look or accent — carry proof of their right to be here at all times. It would also impose tax penalties on businesses that repeatedly hire illegal immigrants, insist that government documents and hearings be conducted in English, and require the state to calculate the costs of illegal immigration and seek reimbursement from Congress.

Delph has written that, "I do my best to follow and obey both the United States and Indiana State constitutions." Yet in modeling his bill on contested legislation in Arizona, he is arguing for a punitive interpretation of the U.S. Constitution that will likely mean a costly trip to the Supreme Court.

Delph has also publicly aligned himself with the Tea Party movement, citizens who express a desire for smaller, less intrusive government. But in extending the reach of state and local law enforcement into a federal

jurisdiction, Delph is, in fact, advocating for a bigger, more intrusive and, yes, more expensive role for state government.

Maybe that's why the state's attor-

ney general, Greg Zoeller, has come out against Delph's bill by signing the "Indiana Compact," a document supported by business, religious and university leaders declaring immigration "a federal policy issue between the U.S. government and other countries not Indiana and other countries."

Although this bill flies in the face of their supposed political principles, asks for a costly legal challenge to constitutional precedent, and has been roundly repudiated by the state's leadership class, Delph and his fellow Republicans are pressing on. The bill appears to have plenty of support in the Republican Senate, where it was passed in last year's session, only to be derailed by Democrats in the House. Now that Republicans have a majority in that body, SB 590 could become law, yoking Indiana to Arizona as one of the two most anti-immigrant — make that anti-Latino – states in the nation.

How did we get here? Look no further than the turgid state of Indiana's economy. Gov. Daniels and his backers in the punditocracy can crow all they want about Indiana jobs, but people's everyday experience keeps insisting that good jobs here are scarce, that our economy isn't really grow-

ing. This has created an atmosphere reminiscent of the period right after World War I, when struggling Hoosiers turned their suspicions toward immigrant European laborers, blacks, Catholics and Jews into a virulent political movement that took form as the Ku Klux Klan.

For about five years in the 1920s, the Klan and Indiana politics were practically synonymous. The governor

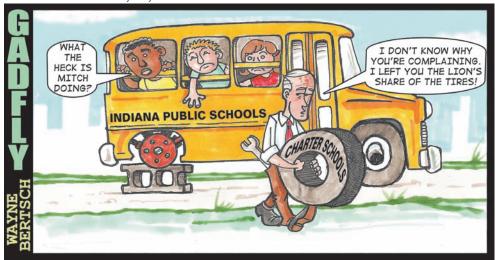
belonged to the Klan and so did the mayor of Indianapolis. In his book, *Indiana*: An Interpretation, John Bartlow Martin tells the story of how a mob in North Manchester once stopped a train and forced a single, frightened passenger to prove he was not the pope.

It's tempting to treat a story like this like a rustic scrap of ancient folklore, the kind of thing that happened long ago and far away. But that was 1924. The people in that mob were the great grandparents of today's Hoosiers.

The fear and suspicion that enabled the Klan to become a force in Indiana set this state back in ways we may not have the appetite to deal with, but haven't fully recovered from, either. Instead of coming to grips with the structural problems that continue to dog Indiana's economy, politicians are exploiting the impulse to blame people who look or speak different from the rest of us. Mike Delph may call this "immigration reform," but it's nothing but a new name for an old and toxic kind of political opportunism.

If Delph and his fellow Republicans get this law, Indiana will make news. People will see what's happened here and say: Indiana. It figures. ■

GADFLY by Wayne Bertsch



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DINNER BREAK

Midnight on Tuesday marked the deadline for Hoosiers to add their names to the state's Do Not Call List. Roughly 1.8 million residential lines across Indiana, about 60 percent of homes, are already on the roster, making it the most successful initiative of its kind in the country, according to State Attorney General Greg Zoeller. To further protect your dinnertime privacy, legislation is in the works to include cell phones under the legal definition of "residential phone number," a proposal that would also include texts. We, and our mothers, are relieved we'll no longer have to talk with our mouths full.

INDIANA GETS A LITTLE SMARTER Cheered by signs of improvement in Indiana's education slump, Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett announced the results of the 7th Annual Advanced Placement Report, showing that Indiana made a 2 percent jump in the number of graduates passing AP exams — the country's second highest increase. Twentyone schools met the Department of Education's goal that 25 percent of students pass the exams or complete dual credit coursework. Herron High School, a charter academy, demonstrated the most improvement, with 38 percent of graduates passing last year, up from 5 percent in 2009.

PAPERS, PLEASE

A House committee approved Senate Bill 590 late last Wednesday, an Arizona-style bill that would require police to check people's immigration status based on "reasonable suspicion." (Read: skin color, accents.) The decision came just hours after Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller met with community leaders at the Statehouse to discuss the future of statewide immigration enforcement, publicly objecting to the state's meddling in federal immigration law. The committee's approval leads Indiana down a slippery slope - the Feds have already sued Arizona over jurisdiction. Still, it's reassuring that such an influential figure is bringing authority to the opposition.

DALAI LAMA'S NEPHEW KILLED Just after dark Monday evening, Jigme K. Norbu, the Dalai Lama's nephew, was struck and killed by an SUV in Florida during a 300-mile Walk for Tibet from St. Augustine to West Palm Beach. Norbu, 45, worked extensively with a Tibetan rights group in Bloomington, Ind. The Valentine's Day demonstration fell on the 50th anniversary of a failed Tibetan rebellion that resulted in the Dalai Lama's exile. We're incredibly saddened to hear this news — a devastating loss for the Bloomington community and the Tibetan independence movement.

THOUGHT BITE

"A nice steak is healthy food." How can it be "healthy"? It's dead. We might argue about whether it's healthful



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Buzz kill

Indiana's old-school alcohol laws not likely to change

BY TYLER FALK EDITORS@NUVO.NET

A ll Anita Johnson wants to do is drink a beer with her ribeye at the Indiana State Fair — an Indianabrewed beer, that is.

But because of a law that's been in place for years, she won't get to enjoy Indiana's beer at the state fair, even though the fairgrounds allows alcohol for most other events throughout the year.

She wants a place to show off all of Indiana's craft beers and wine to people from all over the country. And that place, she says, is the Indiana State Fair.

"We have so many microbreweries and brewpubs that are producing beer here in Indiana," said Johnson, owner of Great Fermentations, a store in Indianapolis for home-brewers and winemakers. "So we have local employment, local taxes, and the profits stay local. There's no better place to showcase those local value-added ag products than at the Indiana State Fair."

House Bill 1093, currently fermenting in the Indiana Statehouse, would make Johnson's wish come true, allowing for Indiana beer and wine sales at the fair, in designated areas.

But the state fair ban isn't alone among Indiana's seemingly idiosyncratic alcohol laws under review this legislative session. It's also illegal to sell alcohol on Sundays — except at restaurants, bars, and sporting events; cold beer can only be purchased at the liquor store, though there are aisles of warm stuff on sale at your nearby supermarket; and current law requires everyone to show identification when purchasing alcohol — even 80 year-old grandmas.

Other states in the country have similarly specific alcohol laws. In Utah, for example, beer with more than 3.2 percent alcohol by weight cannot be sold. In Pennsylvania, beer can only be sold in beverage outlets by the case or in taverns; selling beer in grocery stores is illegal.

Unfortunately for Hoosiers, Indiana's alcohol laws are no less curious. But that could change if any of several new bills pass muster in the state General Assembly and at the governor's mansion.

"It's time for Indiana to align their laws with the lifestyle of people today," said State Sen. Phil Boots (R-Crawfordsville). "I think they should be able to go out and make all the purchases in one day. It's time for Indiana to come out of the 18th century and get with how people have decided they want to live."

A cold one in hell

You don't have to be a Democrat or a



PHOTO BY STEPHEN SIMONETTO

If House Bill 1093 passes, Indiana-brewed beer (and Indiana wine) would flow freely at the Indiana State fair. Above, Scotty Zion poses for our state fair cover story in 2009. Scotty competes in the annual Elvis impersonator contest at ISF; the beer in his hand is our Photoshop creation.

Republican to enjoy cold beer. Sen. Boots, a Republican, is doing his best to get Indiana

caught up with the times. For the second straight year he has authored a bill — Senate Bill 197 — which would allows Sunday alcohol and cold beer sales.

But while some Indiana lawmakers, like Sen. Boots, want more progressive alcohol laws, they're facing stiff opposition from some major buzz-kills.

When it comes to cold beer sales, liquor

stores essentially have a monopoly across the state, and aren't expected to give that up without a fight.

As for Sunday sales, critics like John Livengood, CEO of the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers, a trade association group that represents liquor stores, believe the bill would put liquor stores out of business.

At present, Sunday is the only day each week when liquor stores are closed. Momand-pop vendors would be forced to either stay open seven days a week, or cede a regular weekly portion of their revenue: buyers who stock up early for Sunday consumption.

"We see the Sunday alcohol sale proposal

as simply a way for the big box stores and the convience stores to try to get a bigger

share of the market at the expense of the package stores," Livengood said on the association's website.
"The package stores would probably go out of business and 8,000 employees would be put out on the street and out of work. So we see it as a major survival issue."

But Sen. Boots thinks the liquor store lobby is overreacting.

"The majority of the people that I've been

working for are not necessarily large businesses," he said. "They're small convenience stores, small grocery stores. And there's no evidence that indicates that liquor stores will be damaged or harmed by this legislation at all."

Sen. Boots cited studies in which 11 of the last 12 states to have allowed Sunday alcohol sales actually saw increased sales at liquor stores.

Indiana is in the minority when it comes to the Sunday ban. Such so-called "blue laws" — laws at least nominally based on religious standards — make Indiana one of only three states that allow for Sunday consumption at bars and restaurants but do not allow purchase for off-site consumption.

The current trend in the U.S. is to repeal laws that make Sunday sales illegal. Since 2002, 14 states have repealed their blue laws. In all, 36 states allow Sunday alcohol sales.

The bill to end Indiana's blue law has stalled, for now, in the Public Policy Committee. The press secretary for Sen. Ron Alting (R-Lafayette), chair of the committee, said the senator is undecided about whether or not he will hold a hearing for the bill in committee.

If not, Hoosiers may have to wait until another session — if not longer — before the restrictions are loosened.

State fairness

The Indiana State fair bill is dealing with a legislative back-and-forth similar to the one seen thus far for the Sunday alcohol bill.

Critics of the state fair bill have been vocal both inside and outside the Statehouse. *The Indianapolis Star*'s Matthew Tully wrote that booze at the fair would "tarnish... one of the state's most treasured and family-friendly events."

However, craft beer promoters like Johnson, from Great Fermentations, say they don't understand why the state fair is singled out among other events — like Colts, Pacers and Indians games.

"This moralistic thing about 'we want to keep it a family venue' — well that went out a long time ago when they allowed alcohol at all these other venues," she said.

"It would also protect children more so than these other municipally-owned venues, where a child can be holding the hand of purchaser of beer while they buy it and while they consume it," Johnson added. "They wouldn't be if they were in a beer garden at the Indiana State fair."

For now, it looks as though alcohol sales at the state fair won't happen this session. House Public Policy Committee Chairman Bill Davis (R-Portland) said he does not intend to give it a committee hearing.

"Rep. Davis does not believe that House Bill 1093 would add anything to the state fair," said Tory Flynn, media director for Indiana House Republicans. "He believes it's a family-friendly event and that it should stay that way."

Some slack for grandma?

There is one alcohol-related bill, however, that is getting attention in the Indiana legislature. But it's to repeal a law from last year that requires anyone purchasing alcohol to show ID, no matter how old.

Signs indicate that could soon change. Earlier this month, the Indiana House passed legislation to repeal the law, 90-7. With such a clear majority in the House, it's likely not to see much resistance in the Senate.

But even if this bill passes in the Senate, supporters of reform say it seems like Indiana's alcohol laws will remain anachronistic for the near future.

"We're a little out of sync with the rest of the nation," Sen. Boots said. "And it's time for us to move on." ■

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— State Sen. Phil Boots (R-Crawfordsville)

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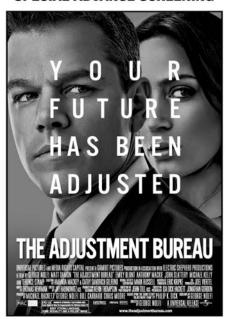
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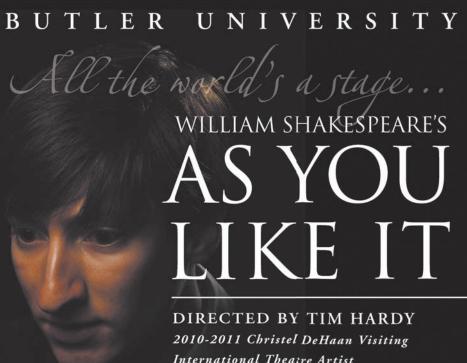


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WORKING FOR A LIVING

'Right-to-work' legislation could strip unions of their power

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bill currently sitting in the Indiana General Assembly could spell an end to organized labor as it has existed in Indiana for generations if passed this season.

The so-called "Right-to-Work" bill (House Bill 1028) would guarantee an employee's right not to join a union at a unionized company. Contracts or agreements preventing employers from hiring non-union workers would be rendered illegal, and requiring union membership as a condition of employment would become a Class A misdemeanor.

Supporters of the measure say such laws would help create jobs in a flagging economy – in large part by enticing company migration from other states that do not have RTW laws (of the 22 states with Right to Work laws currently on the books, the closest to Indiana are Tennessee and Iowa).

But critics say the legislation would obliterate unions' collective bargaining power, which would lead to lower wages, fewer benefits and poorer working conditions for Indiana's workers.

"If Right to Work laws pass, every-body will make less," said Allison Luthe, lead organizer for Central Indiana Jobs with Justice (JwJ), a coalition of unions (see sidebar, right). "FedEx and UPS for example – one is union, one is not – they both make very comparable wages because everybody knows that you could go work at the other one."

Gov. Mitch Daniels has said he would rather avoid the issue for now, but powerful business groups like the Indiana Chamber of Commerce (ICC) have made a strong public push for the bill. With control of both chambers in the Statehouse, their friends in the GOP have a clear and open path toward making the bill into law if they

POLITICALLY CHARGED

RTW legislation has been hugely divisive since it was introduced the first day of the legislative session, when a freshly-gelded Democratic House caucus attempted to keep the bill from even being introduced.

At the time, it seemed Democrats could face a major battle.

"If it hits the floor, it'll probably shake down the thunder from the sky and delay a lot of things," House Minority Leader B. Patrick Bauer told Nuvo in mid-January. "It's up to (Republicans) whether or not they want to ram it through."

Less than a month later, however, close observers of the Statehouse say there may not be enough political will to pass RTW, even with strong Republican majorities.

"I think it's pretty well known that the



Demonstrators with Unite Here, a hotel workers union, picket outside the downtown Hyatt last July.

governor is not anxious to see this legislation move and the leaders in the House and the Senate... have kind of hewed to that, too," said John Ketzenberger, president of the "There's no doubt the pie is getting bigger. The question is, how is the distribution of the pie going?"

— Michael Hicks, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and professor of economics at Ball State University

Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, a non-profit group that specializes in research on state tax and spending policies in the state.

"Unless they say it's going to happen, it's not going to happen," he said. "They see it, rightfully, as a threat to the rest of their agenda."

Even with the bill still in committee, more than 600 members of the United Steelworkers Union planned to rally at the Statehouse on Tuesday, Feb. 15 according to a report Monday in The Times of Northwest Indiana. Ketzenberger said legislators could expect unions to mobilize far bigger demonstrations if the bill goes to a vote on the House floor.

"The Right-to-Work issue is as politically charged as anything except possibly redistricting, and if the legislature takes up seriously Right to Work, then I think you'll

Local hero: Allison Luthe

At the forefront of groups threatened by the looming "Right-to-Work" legislation is Central Indiana Jobs with Justice, a coalition of unions. Our cover model, Allison Luthe, is lead organizer for the consortium, which made her a perfect choice for our stand-in for "Rosie the Riveter," the World War II-era icon that has come to symbolize the strength of American labor.

With a background in social work, Luthe characterized her job representing labor unions as one in which she strives toward building community, and securing workers' rights.

"I'd sort of describe it as bringing the community to the labor movement, and the labor movement to the community," Luthe explained.

Jobs with Justice (JwJ) rallies support for demonstrations among member groups and concerned citizens outside of the network. The organization seeks out participants with similar social justice concerns who could become loyal contributors. Recently, for example, they've appealed to leaders in the gay rights and immigrant protection communities to join forces in support of labor's cause.

A sizeable amount of JwJ's outreach work is done using social media and email, event tabling and word of mouth. Once they've reached new ears, the group will often meet one-on-one with interested citizens, trying to find common ground

to link potential supporters to the cause.

Luthe cited examples of the types of questions she'll ask a potential supporter: "Did they grow up in a union? How did they get their influences?" Building bridges between what can sometimes seem like unlikely allies, she said, is really a matter of "figuring out from people who they are and what's important to them."

In finding new supporters, JwJ will first identify an individual's comfort zone. Once it's clear how a person might best serve the cause, the group will ask for an appropriate degree of participation.

Less aggressive ways people can help include writing letters to the editor, circulating petitions or contacting legislators. The next tier can involve showing support by attending a rally, or holding picket signs.

The group's personal and direct approach has proven effective in ganering support for labor demonstrations in the past. In July, a broad collection of hundreds gathered outside of the downtown Hyatt hotel, in protest against low wages and poor working conditions (see sidebar on p.11). At least 40 participants were arrested for a coordinated act of civil disobedience.

Luthe was quick to clarify that, when taking action, a strike was always "a last resort".

When asked about the prospects of HB 1028, the so-called "Right-to-Work" bill, Luthe was not optimistic.

"If it comes up, it'll pass," she said.
That grim assumption comes in light of the current Republican majorities in both House and Senate. JwJ has focused its efforts on stalling the bill from being

heard in the first place. As of last Friday afternoon, members had flooded the inbox of House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Carmel) with 175 emails on behalf of unions across the state.

If the bill makes progress, however, the group could be compelled to ramp up its efforts down the road.

"I think we have to really show what we've been saying to the legislators, that this will be very distracting," Luthe said. If the bill is heard after all, she continued, "we would have to create some kind of public action."

To learn more about Central Indiana Jobs with Justice, see CentralIndianaJwJ.org. ■

— CATHERINE GREEN



see that teachers rally from the other day times ten," he said, referring to a rally earlier this month in which over 1,000 educators flooded the Statehouse in opposition to proposed education reforms, according to news reports.

RTW advocates are running out of time, however. Rules of the General Assembly require that House bills be received at the Senate by Feb. 28. As of Feb. 14, the House version had only had its first reading.

WAGE VS. INCOME

Right-to-Work legislation has always faced stiff opposition whenever it has arisen. But this latest bill got a boost in recent weeks because of a highly publicized ICCcommissioned study indicating that RTW would increase the flow of jobs, money and people into the state if passed.

Led by Ohio University economist Richard Vedder, the study concludes that Indiana, had it adopted RTW in 1977, would have seen an increase in per-capita income of \$2,925 by 2008. An average family of four, it further concludes, would have seen increases of \$11,700 a year or more.

"If the state of Indiana were to avail itself of the opportunity to adopt (an RTW) law, it could benefit greatly in terms of future economic growth," the study's authors assert. "RTW laws attract productive resources (both capital and labor) to a state, while the absence of such laws repels them.'

Vedder's past research makes him a perfect fit for pro-RTW advocates like the ICC. In a 2010 report for the Cato Institute, a conservative-leaning think tank, Vedder's



Missy Peagler, left, and Bill Horsley, officers for Securitas, a private security firm, are trying to organize for better pay and benefits. HB 1028 could hinder that option.

position was clear, equating historical efforts of the labor movement in the Twentieth Century with the "eroding of employment liberty" and "infringements on liberty." No mention was made of what labor organizing did to help abolish child labor, deadly working conditions and to establish a minimum wage.

Union leaders were quick to rebut the study's conclusions. In a statement released on the heels of the ICC report, Nancy Guyott, president of the Indiana AFL-CIO, a labor union coalition, noted that yearly wages in non-RTW states like Indiana were \$5,500 higher on average than in RTW states, according to U.S. Department of Labor data.

Even if per-capita income were higher in RTW states, the implication was that such wealth would mostly flow upward.

"Per capita income includes all forms

of income," Guyott wrote. "Most working people earn wages; most CEOs earn income from their generous stock options. The more accurate number to look at is wages.

Jeff Brantley, vice president of political affairs for the ICC, argued that such analysis was emotionally-driven and typical of the sort of class-warfare arguments traditionally raised by the AFL-CIO. The facts, he argued, did not support Guyott's conclusions.

'The more a state is competitive in attracting companies, the more pressures there are to increase wages because there's more economic dynamism, there's more competition for labor," he said. "I haven't seen any evidence that Right to Work is to blame for (wealth stratification).

Brantley also noted that most RTW laws were passed in the 1940s and 50s. In the last two decades, only Oklahoma had become a new RTW state, so RTW could not be blamed for lower wages, he said.

'Right to Work states have, historically, even before they were Right to Work states, had lower wage rates, so their base was lower," he said. "What the study shows is that after they adopted Right to Work laws, their growth has been significantly higher."

Michael Hicks, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and professor of economics at Ball State University agreed that RTW laws did not create lower wages. Low wages historically spurred economically struggling states to pursue anti-union reform, he said, not the other

Still, Hicks argued that the causality between RTW legislation and job and population growth was likely much less than asserted in the ICC report. RTW was usually just one of several such pro-business reforms created in economically troubled states, and it was difficult to isolate the effects of RTW, he said.

Other factors across many RTW states like better climate, lower tax rates and real estate prices were factors as well.

'How big is the effect, that's the economic question," Hicks said, noting that RTW legislation only affects 5 to 10 percent of workers in a given state. "My sense from reading the literature, including Richard Vedder's report, is that Right to Work has a smaller effect than its supporters believe and a much smaller effect than its detractors believe.'

Hicks could not point to any empirical studies that examined quality-of-life trends in states where unions had little power to organize for better benefits and working conditions, but noted that the distribution of income was getting worse around the country on the whole.

"There's no doubt the pie is getting bigger," he said. "The question is, how is the distribution of the pie going?" ■

Catherine Green contributed reporting to this article.



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Local zero: Hyatt hotel

Labor organizers struck another blow to the Hyatt hotel on Thursday, Feb. 10, this time in the form of a Lady Gaga-inspired demonstration.

In the moments before the action began, the Hyatt lobby was quiet and sleepy, an atmosphere that was shattered when the clock struck 5:30 p.m. and some 30 protestors sprung into action

Participants in the sudden and short demonstration — known as a flash mob - belted out lyrics to the music of Lady Gaga's 'Bad Romance,' such as "boycott, boycott, worker's rights are hot, this is a bad hotel.

The flash mob was among the latest in a series of demonstrations planned by Unite Here, a hotel workers union, to raise awareness about the Hyatt, and what they claim are its anti-union policies. The hotel chain has come under fire in recent years, facing claims that they have cut jobs and worker hours, while simultaneously skimping on safety and quality of service at hotels nationwide.

When Hyatt workers petitioned for a union, employees involved in the process say they were harassed and intimidated.

A series protests ensued. Last July, at least 40 people were arrested for civil disobedience at a protest organized by Unite Here. Those arrested linked arms and sat down on the pavement in front of the hotel, effectively barring anyone walking down the



PHOTO BY ROBERT WARREN

Police arrest around 40 demonstrators for civil disobedience at last July's Hyatt protest.

street from passing by the Hyatt.

November saw another Unite Here protest, sans arrests, when activists picketed outside of the hotel to raise community awareness. The action was supported by clergymen, community members and local college students.

Still, the Hyatt remained impassive.

Unsurprisingly, Thursday's action was not well received. Hotel management clapped sarcastically. Security guards grabbed their walkie-talkies. Bystanders

gawked incredulously.

By 5:40 the demonstration was over. The protestors marched out, continuing to chant their anti-Hyatt message.

I kind of love it, man," one worker joked to fellow employees. "Those guys are crazy!'

Other hotel workers failed to see any humor in the performance. Front desk and guest service worker, Abdel Marzouk, said he was offended by the show.

"There are more civilized ways to pro-

Hotel General Manger Brian Comes called the flash mob irresponsible and unprofessional. "It is unfortunate that Unite Here takes these tactics to pressure our employees," he said.

Workers at the Hyatt have not yet chosen to unionize, but employees and organizers at Unite Here have sought to move things in that direction. Comes said the Hyatt supports an employee's right to choose whether or not to join a union. "We're pro-employee, not anti-union."

Not every one is on board. "We like our jobs here, that's why we don't sign," said Marzouk, a Hyatt employee of 10 years. He said pressure from the hotel was not a factor in his decision about whether or not to unionize.

Other hotels, like the downtown Westin have faced similar protests. Meanwhile, the clock is ticking to the 2012 Superbowl, which stands to suffer if hotel labor issues aren't sorted out soon.

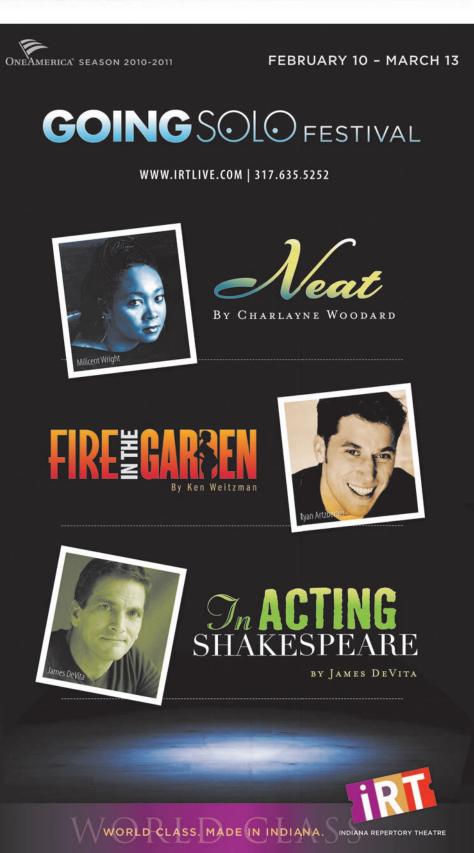
Unite Here says local hotel workers are "among the lowest paid hotel workers of any major city in the United States," despite millions in tax payer subsidies for the local hospitality industry.

In November 2009, Hyatt's owners, the Pritzker family, took the company public, netting the corporation over a \$1 billion.

"The reality of the company is that the owners do very, very well for themselves," said Jessie Ham, a cocktail server at the downtown Hyatt, at July's protest. "To say they don't have the money, it kind of makes you wonder where it's all going." ■

— KEELEE HURLBURT





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Water for Elephants

By Sara Gruen,

Algonquin Books, 2007

Reviewed by Richard McGowan

If you ever entertained ideas of what it's like to work for and travel with a circus, consider reading Sara Gruen's emi-

nently enjoyable Water for Elephants first. You might reconsider unless circus life has changed significantly from the depression-era circus depicted in this book.

Life in that circus was, in a word, harsh. And yet, the main character, Jacob Jankowski, looks wistfully upon his experience with the Benzini Brothers' Most Spectacular Show on Earth. I suppose that is only natural for a 93-year-old as he looks from his nursing home at the circus being set up in town. He remembers his days on 'the Spec'—the performers and roustabouts; the animals, especially the elephant, Rosie; and the 'rubes.' He remembers the demands made on his young body and compares that life to the face he now sees in the mirror.

The book, therefore, is not just a story about the greatest show on earth but also about being young and growing old, about falling in love and the presence of memory.

Gruen wove several stories about life in the Big Top so Water for Elephants was properly researched. In fact, when my friend recommended the book to me, my friend said, "My uncle left home to join the circus. He said it was the closest account of circus life that he has read."

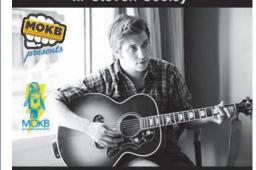
Ms. Gruen brought the greatest show on earth to her readers. In her hands, that show is life and its fullness.

-Richard McGowan is Instructor of Business Ethics at Butler University.

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A scene from "A Tree at the Border," at IndyFringe.

Paul Hildebrand from Hanover College. The show takes place Feb. 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the **IndyFringe** Theatre, 719 E. St. Clair St. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for Hanover alumni and \$8 for students. For more information, call 721-9458 or visit www. indyfringe.org. ■

Clint Eastwood is on screen at the Eiteljorg on Thursday.

Roving Cinema Returns

Grab your cowboy boots, western fans! The Roving Cinema is back, this time playing Sergio Leone's **The Good, the Bad and the Ugly** at

the **Eiteljorg**, Indy's go to source for western art. Sounds like a match

made in heaven. The event includes all of the details necessary for premium movie watching - a cash bar, candy and complimentary popcorn to watch as Clint Eastwood searches for buried treasure on the screen.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the movie shows at 7. Tickets are \$8, call 317-636-9378 or visit http://rcgoodbadugly.eventbrite.com/ to reserve your

spot. The Eiteljorg is located downtown at the White River State Park,

17 THURSDAY

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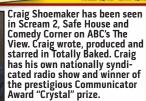
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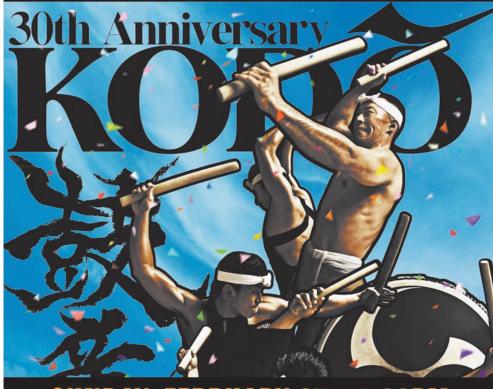
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Georgeanna Smith and Tommy Lewey perform 'Extension' as seen in NoExit Performance's production of Sarah Kane's "4.48 Psychosis."

18 STARTS FRIDAY THEATER

No Exit: 4.48 Psychosis

No Exit continues to push limits with its newest show, 4.48 Psychosis, the final work of Sarah Kane, who committed suicide shortly after writing the play. The show breaks all conventions of traditional plays and immerses the audience in a raw lyricism composed of many small scenes without one character ever being named. The show premieres at the Big Car Art Gallery, located on the second floor of the Murphy Art Center in Fountain Square, 1043 Virginia Ave. Opening night is Feb. 18 at 8 p.m, other performance dates are Feb. 19, 25, 26, 27 and March 3, 4 & 5, all at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults in advance or \$20 at the door, and only \$10 for students. For more information or to reserve tickets, email noexitperformance@gmail.com, visit www.noexitperformance.org or call 258-2255. ■

19 SATURDAY PROTEST



Public forum for the Federal Transportation Bill

Rally your foot soldiers, it's time to fight for a greener earth at the public forum to discuss the **US House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**'s drafting of plans to improve the nation's travel areas. Part of their proposal is looking into drastically cutting investments in bicycling projects and programs, which includes bike trails and paths. Avid cyclists nationally are up in arms and spokes, especially when the percentage of kids who walk or bike to school has dropped from 50% to 15% in one generation, and that although biking and walking totals 12% of trips that Americans make, it only costs 1.5% of U.S. transportation spending. If you're still not convinced, visit www.bikesbelong.org for more facts. You can fight for your rights Feb. 19 from 4-6 p.m. at the **City-Council Building**, room T260, 200 E. Washington St. #241, Indianapolis. For more information, you can call the mayor's office at 327-3615 or contact your district representative. ■

19 SATURDAY STORYTELLING

Storytelling Arts of Indiana: Open Casket

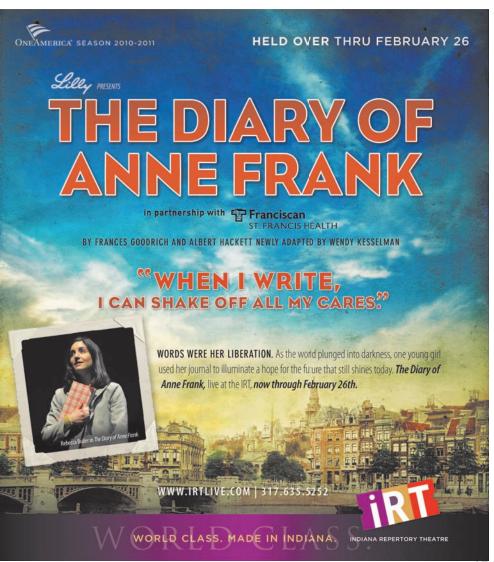
Storyteller-songwriter **Minton Sparks** will share tales of small-town Southern life as she weaves together music, poetry and storytelling to enthrall audience members at the Indiana History Center this Saturday. A Tennessee native, Sparks draws heavily on her Southern roots to create her work, a practice that gave birth to her reputation as the love child of Flannery O'Connor and Hank Williams. Sparks has three CDs and two books to her name and has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*. The performance starts at 7:30 and tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (317) 576-9848 or visit www.storytellingarts.org for more information. The **Indiana History Center** is located at 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis.

21 MONDAYPROTEST

Arts Day

Get down with your bad protesting self and remind the **Indiana General Assembly** just why the arts are so vital to our lives. Emily Heimann, an attorney from Barnes & Thornburg, will be there giving helpful hints about talking to legislators and making sure no one wastes the day. The storming of the kingdom happens Feb. 21 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the **Indiana Statehouse**, 200 W. Washington St. For more information, email info@ InArtsCoalition.org. ■







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22 TUESDAY **ENVIRONMENT**



The viral hunter

Viral epidemics have more in common than their hyperbolic headlines. Nathan Wolfe, a Stanford professor, as well as the founder and director of the Global Viral Forecasting Initiative has dedicated his life to studying epidemic viruses. He believes he has discovered a clue to catching viruses early by focusing on how HIV, SARS and West Nile all stem from contact with infected animals. Others have noticed his groundbreaking work: Wolfe is one of Rolling Stone's "100 Agents of Change" for 2009 and has received over \$11 million dollars in funding from Google and the Skoll foundation. His lecture, part of Butler's



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nathan Wolfe will lecture on viruses at Butler.

J. James Woods Lecture Series. will take place at the Atherton Union **Reilly Room** at Butler University, 4600 Sunset Ave. 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information: http://www.butler.edu/woods-lectures/nathan-wolfe or call 317-940-8100. ■

22 TUESDAY FREAK SHOW

Squidling Brothers Circus Sideshow

Slideshow Doll of Darkness, the Impenetrable Music Man, World's Strangest Strongman: no, this isn't some kind of weird porno for very specific fetishists. It's the **Squidling Brothers Circus** Sideshow, a night promising sword swallowing (get your mind out of the gutter), see-saws, hooks in flesh and men bending steel. Whether you're terrified or peeing your pants in excitement, we have a feeling this is one of those once-in-a-lifetime type things you may not see again. And don't worry kids: they're all trained profession-



Squidling Brothers Circus will gross you out at White Rabbit next Tuesday.

als. Featuring a performance by Jason and the Punknecks. The oddities occur Feb. 22 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the **White Rabbit** Cabaret, 1116 Prospect St. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, call 686-9550 or visit www.whiterabbitcabaret. com. ■

23 NEXT WED. **MUSIC**

Schubert Symphony

Husband and wife team David Finckel and Wu Han are teaming up with fellow musician Philip Setzer to regale audiences with two piano trios Franz Schubert wrote towards the end of his life. The two pieces are rife with Schubert's romantic expression, and when the works are played by three of the world's top chamber music artists, the show is guaranteed to please. The performance is taking place at the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis. General admission is \$30, \$10 for students aged 19-25, and



PHOTO BY TRISTAN COOK

David Finckel, Wu Han and Philip Setzer will play as part of Ensemble Music Society's performance next Wednesday, Feb. 23.

music aficionados under the age of 18 get in free. The show starts at 7:30. Call (317) 232- 1882 or visit www.ensemblemusic. org for more information.

Gateway to the arts

Andrew Lyon and the Circle City Chamber Group

> BY RITA KOHN RKOHN@NUVO.NET

ndrew Lyon is a saxophonist at home in jazz and pop circles, president of The Circle City Chamber Group and music director and conductor of the CCCG Orchestra. NUVO caught up with Lyon in the midst of his planning CCCG's 2011 opening event.

NUVO: What is Circle City Chamber Group? What makes it different?

LYON: The Circle City Chamber Group is Indianapolis' newest arts organization with a focus on highlighting the city's top visual, culinary and musical artists in a bold new approach, bringing the arts to audiences and bringing a new audience to the entire arts community. Most arts organizations focus on one facet of the arts; CCCG presents three facets in a perfectly balanced manner at every event. Without a permanent home or set group of artists and musicians we can be as creative as possible. We're working on "audience development" for the entire city's arts community. For "Our World of Art" on Feb. 17, we're premiering newly designed dishes from Westin Hotel executive chef Kimberly Stanek, new photography from John Scott, and the Midwest premiere of music by David Sartor in addition to music by Leonard Bernstein.

NUVO: What are your goals for CCCG?

LYON: I want the seasoned arts patron to experience the arts in an entirely new way and someone new to the arts to discover the arts are not intimidating but accessible, available and inviting. During my WFYI "Art of the Matter" radio interview host Sharon Gamble said: "So basically you're like the gateway drug to the arts.' I said you're exactly right. I want people to come, try a bit of this a bit of that with us until they find something that really peaks their interest and go on to invest themselves in that arena. CCCG audiences are making emotional connections by talking to the artists about their works' inspiration, their background and upcoming events. We can build an audience if we allow them to invest themselves in the art. The audience is just listening to music, or they are just looking at art until they invest themselves emotionally. Once they do that, they're hooked.

NUVO: Who is your target audience?

LYON: While CCCG welcomes the seasoned arts-goer, it's the 25-40 year old young professionals who don't normally spend their free time in the concert halls or art museums that I want to see more of at



Andrew Lyon is president of The Circle City Chamber Group, an organization that brings multiple arts genres together for ongoing events.

our events and at others around the city. My staff works hard to create an intimate, unassuming, welcoming and relaxed "after-hours" setting to explore the arts at their own pace. Circle City is cultivating a new educated and inquisitive audience.

NUVO: What previous events have you had for CCCG?

LYON: Since we started in August 2008, we've hosted photography, paintings, custom jewelry; quail eggs, ox tail, martinis; chamber orchestra, ragtime piano and saxophone quartet. Nothing is off limits. Future events will have themes like "Waffles," "Baseball," "Teachers & Their Students," "Flight;" you name it, we'll find a way show how it can be inspired by, or has been inspiration for the arts

NUVO: How do you choose performers and partnerships with other organizations?

LYON: They all have connections to Indianapolis - grew up, went to school, or have moved here because they see opportunities in Indianapolis. I seek out artists who have a passion for their work, are not afraid to express themselves and their chosen art in new ways, and share my desire to cultivate an educated audience for the future of the arts community. I look for the locally owned/based organizations wanting to see Indy grow. They're from every field and they understand investing in the arts means investing in one of the most vital components of our city.

NUVO: What prompted you to establish

LYON: While I was working on my Masters degree in orchestral conducting at Butler University, I worked as a bouncer in bars, including Blu, Red Room and Blue Martini. I love nightclub dance music, the energy it brings out in a crowd, and I love being around people having fun with their friends. But I also realized this was probably the only music they had on their iPods (mixed in with some classic rock for good measure). I needed to find a way to get them involved with the nightlife beyond the nightclubs, but not to take them away from something they obviously enjoy doing. I started with a simple concept: get them off the bar stools and into the concert halls, and then right back into the bars as a fun learning experience. I'm a musician - a conductor, but I wanted to bring other arts to the table. Throughout my mother's tenure as President of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago alumni association I basically grew up in the museum, so I wanted art involved. My brother and his wife are gourmet chefs, and I've always admired the creativity and hard work that goes into cooking. It's definitely one of the most under-rated, taken-for-granted art forms in our society. Food was in. Talking with Katelin Reeves, a coworker at Blu who is CCCG's Vice President and my rock through our first events, it was obvious the final component to set us apart is top shelf booze. I know what a great bartender can come up with, given the right ingredients, to expand beverage horizons and challenge sense of adventure.

NUVO: What makes Andrew Lyon 'tick'?

LYON: Hearing someone say, "I'm not the arts type," "I'm not smart enough for that," or "I'm not the artsy type." Even if they don't paint like Picasso or cook like Wolfgang Puck, they can be involved with

NUVO: What's your 'back story'?

LYON: I grew up surrounded by art in Chicago, and with a cousin down the street who played trumpet for Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, James Brown and Dizzy Gillispie. I've attributed my passion for visual art to my mother, but my passion for music comes from her paternal grandfather, Teofilo Martinez. Born and raised in Mexico, he was a Mariachi who taught his friends to play, and together they would perform for all the local special events: birthdays, quinceañeras, holidays - if there was a crowd that needed music, he was there. My mother taught me guitar. I sang in choir until I started playing saxophone in 4th grade. I never looked back. I earned my BS in Saxophone Performance at Illinois State University, then turned to my true passion: conducting. There's just something about the raw energy that comes from great musicians playing together, and you being up in front with all that sound crashing into and over your body. Everyone should have the opportunity to stand in front of an orchestra and experience that moment. It's the most amazing, humbling, awe-inspiring feeling anyone can have.

NUVO: Why and when did you come to Indianapolis?

LYON: On my 23rd birthday, Dec. 31, 1999, I came to Indianapolis to spend New Year's with my Uncle Dave at the Slippery Noodle Inn (he was a door man). I then drove to Indy about once a month from Illinois State to work as a Slippery Noodle doorman and experienced great musicians. After studying and working in Las Vegas, I came to Butler for graduate school in '06; finished the Masters degree in '07 and got to work on Circle City Chamber Group in early '08.

NUVO: What besides CCCG do you devote time and energy to?

LYON: I spend my mornings teaching motor skill development to kids ages 18 months - 8 years through a program in Carmel called Lil' Kickers. Basically, I use soccer as a medium to help them develop motor and social skills -I get to goof around and be silly with them all morning, and get paid to do it. Kids are amazing people with so much energy and imagination.

NUVO: What else should NUVO readers know about Andrew Lyon?

LYON: I love Guinness, prairie fires; I bleed Cubbie blue, I'm a die-hard Bears fan and [when not playing the Bears] will root for the Colts (Peyton Manning was amazing in Super Bowl XLI). I want Yats to open in my living room, and I am grateful to the amazingly wonderful (and patient) volunteers who keep me sane and share the CCCG passion. In fact, buy me a pint and I'll tell you all about it. ■



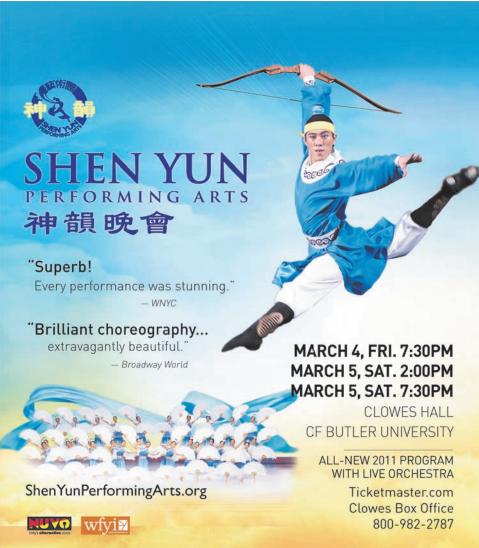
WHAT: Our World of Art Featuring:

Dishes by Chef Kimberly Stanek Photography by Jonathan Scott Soprano Elizabeth Wilson Music by CCCG Chamber Orchestra

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 17, doors open at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Westin Hotel 50 S. Capitol INFO: Tickets: \$20 www.AndrewJLyon.com www.youtube.com/AndrewJLyon www.CircleCityChamberGroup.org





A&E REVIEWS



Ashley Brown did Broadway with the ISO, Feb. 11-13.

MUSIC

ASHLEY BROWN'S BROADWAY **★★★☆**

Printing Partners Pops, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Hilbert Circle Theatre, Feb. 11-13. Ashley Brown's impressive dramatic vocal range lit up the ISO stage just as she's been illuminating roles on Broadway and in regional theatres from the dazzling Cunegonde in Candide to Charley Chaplin's fragile mother in Limelight, with sensible Mary and winsome Belle in between. The ISO, with Jack Everly conducting, opened with an appropriately upbeat Broadway Diva's Overture that segued into Brown's expressive admission of why she's here "with a song in my heart." That established her theme for the fast-paced 2-hour program of brief patter between vocal sets. Costume changes into glittering gowns extended characterization and the inner core of lyrics. James Lane, James Lee Glatz and Ben Crawford joined Brown for a sizzling interpretation of "Le Jazz Hot", a sweet nod to Dame Julie Andrews in Victor/Victoria, followed by Brown's favorite song from Mary Poppins, a role she originated on Broadway in 2006. With "Feed the Birds," Brown showed her visceral connections with Andrews and Walt Disney (remember the 1964 film), who also named this their favorite. The first act closed with a stunning hold on the closing word of "When You Wish Upon a Star," with a similar effect for the final "I" of "So In Love" as Brown's bow to Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate. The program closed with the richness of Brown's interpretative skills making Wicked's Defying Gravity another standout. Brown shared the spotlight with Ben Crawford whose full-out "This is the Moment" garnered an ova-

-RITA KOHN

THEATER

FIRE IN THE GARDEN

Indiana Repertory Theater, Upperstage; through Feb. 27

Directed by Larissa Kokernot. As a man nervously waits out the months before the birth of his first child, he distracts himself by researching, of all things, a horrific Vietnam War protest act that occurred decades earlier. The man is playwright Ken Weitzman and his one-man play, the second in IRT's Going Solo festival, follows his attempt to understand what drove Quaker Norman Morrison to set himself on fire outside the Pentagon in 1965, with his one-year-old daughter looking on. Most of the 90-minute monologue is a thoughtful and funny internal discussion about what makes a man despair for his generation, what makes him die for it and what convinces him to live. Although Weitzman is deeply troubled himself about impending environmental catastrophe, we feel him embrace life with descriptions of hypno-birthing, sleep deprivation and a baby who shows his glee by swinging his arm over his head like a rodeo rider. As the cynical, self-deprecating playwright, Ryan Artzberger (A Christmas Carol, Rabbit Hole) pulls us in and paces himself well until the last third, when the playwright's tone becomes increasingly pedantic. I'm betting on Artzberger's endurance, if not the script, to improve over time. No matter what, Fire in the Garden delivers a solid hour of highly original thought. 635-5252, www.irtlive.com.

— JOSEFA BEYER

THEATER

NEAT

Indiana Repertory Theatre, Upperstage; Through March 6.

Directed by Richard J. Roberts. IRT opened its Going Solo Festival Friday night with the continuation of one of the 2010 festival's oneactor shows. Pretty Fire. This one, also written by actress/playwright Charlayne Woodard and also starring Millicent Wright, takes us back to Woodard's early life, growing up in 1960s New

A&E REVIEWS



Carolyn Springer's work can be viewed at the Harrison through Feb. 25.

York state, an African-American girl spunky enough to fit in with Jewish schoolmates, even when swim class turns her "flip" into a 'fro. More than anything about the play or performance, I was continually fascinated by Robert M. Koharchik's scenic design, which will be used for all three Going Solo plays. A dark wood plank floor runs front to back and curves up to create the back wall. It is at once welcoming and off-putting. Wright uses this brilliant space to conjure a terrified bus ride to get a baby to a "negro" hospital, high school flirtations and police violence against black youth. However, the play relies mostly on Wright's ability to replicate the girl's boundless enthusiasm, as well as the impenetrable innocence of her mentally disabled cousin called Neat. While this seemed good enough for the audience last Friday and last year, to me both Woodard plays feel too much like cultural/historical tourism. More quaint than insightful, Neat fails to make the very real connection between Woodard's past and our present. 635-5252, www.irtlive.com.

— JOSEFA BEYER

VISUAL ART

ELEMENTAL BY CAROLYN SPRINGER

Harrison Center for the Arts; through Feb. 25. In order to evoke the elements, Carolyn Springer experiments with texture and media in her paintings. In "Indianapolis Spirit," materials include encaustic, oil, beeswax varnish, and sea salt. This contributes to a layered cityscape, with top layers obscuring lower ones in expressive gestures. Looming above Indianapolis is a painterly cloud that seems to have resulted from a forceful horizontal stroke and then upsidedown drip work. The physicality of media in this painting, not to mention the smoldering gold leaf in "Earth's Sudden Heat I" and "Earth's Sudden Heat II," contrast with the lighter work in the exhibition's second room. Here the paintings are in the style of Japonisme, drawing upon Springer's recent travel to Japan. "Kyoto Soul" shows a Japanese garden obscured by a thick, painterly mist and Springer softens the image with petals. Particularly through textural experimentation, Elemental commands respect for nature's power while also revealing its beauty.

— JOE WILLIAMS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 'Just Desserts' exhibit features "Glazed Donuts" by MaryAnne T. Nguyen.

VISUAL ART

JUST DESSERTS VARIOUS ARTISTS

Indy Indie Artist Colony; through March 31. Occupying the north wing of the Indy Indie gallery, Just Desserts is a gathering of newly created artwork from all over Indianapolis. For each artist, dessert becomes an expression of an unexpected theme. The risk in such an exercise is that there is no thematic unity beneath the concept in the title. The show is mostly lighthearted, seen in Janis Richardson's candy-wrapper collage "Candy Monster," which reveals the artist's fondest memories of childhood and even includes a real bowl of candy (for the taking) as an offering to the monster. Striking a different chord is Mitch Martin's "Skittles," a Lichtenstein-influenced piece featuring four variously colored prints of a girl pointing a gun. In four different talk bubbles, the girl exposes the bittersweet nature of love: 'If you love something, kill it before it hurts you.' This is the only piece in which dessert is not part of the subject matter. In the most striking work, Kyle Ragsdale's "I remember your last birthday," a candle-less cake is shown against a dark background, perhaps suggesting a child lost in birth. As there are deeper themes produced than 'just desserts,' it would be an added treat to see one of them emerge as a unifier for the exhibition.

— JOE WILLIAMS

VISUAL ART

KOUTSOURAS RETROSPECTIVE WORKS (PART OF IMOCA EXHIBIT)

Mount Comfort Space; through Feb. 19. This exhibit covers the period between the mid-'90s and 2007 when Koutsouras was putting out a more thematically varied body of work than in the selection of new work on display in the iMOCA gallery. You can see here figure studies in charcoal on paper, acrylic on canvas landscapes and seascapes, and work that, at first glance, might strike you as pure abstraction. In "The Rehearsal — Take Five" (oil and mixed media on canvas) you see an orange canvas seemingly stained with watermarks. When you look closer you can make out the outlines of nearly nude, standing figures. They appear alone among themselves. Perhaps they're talking with one-another. In any event, they're facing away from you; their facial expressions are a mystery. The power of the work comes



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as much from what's hidden as from what's revealed (you might say this about much of his work). "East West Directional" uses almost the same palette to portray a sort of compass of the mind with a blue line pointed west from the center, perhaps tracing the path that the artist's life has taken. If that's reading too much into the work, then it stems from the fact that Koutsouras' work engages my imagination like few other artists out there. 634-6622, 1043 Virginia Ave.; www.IndyMoca.org.

- DAN GROSSMAN

VISUAL ART

STUTZ ART SPACE; THROUGH FEB. 25.

Artists with studios in the Stutz Business Center explored the theme of the human heart in PUMP, a group exhibition showcasing a mixture of media, styles and skill levels. Ten percent of art sales benefit the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women initiative. All proceeds from Carol L. Myers's "Heart Strings," a limited edition of woodblock prints available for a \$25 donation, will help the cause. Myers, also known for her fiber art, branched out with a fresh approach to artmaking in "Electric Slide," made with graphite and oil paint on Yupo paper, a synthetic and waterproof surface. She depicted a trio of loosely painted hearts, each safely inside a drawn box suggesting care and protection. Myers applied the oils - seemingly with ease - when

the paper was placed flat and then drew back into the paint as it dried. Washes of color dissolved graphite lines and the results compare beautifully to watercolors. Photographer Andy Chen, also the new gallery director, playfully displayed "Pump 200," a color photograph of a fuchsia bicycle pump upright with its black cord wrapped around the barrel to form a heart shape, pristingly set against a white panel. Said Chen, "I use simple subjects and I try to find the enchanted." The well-worn bicycle photographed against peeling, pink-toned plaster walls in Ginny Taylor Rosner's "Bike, Vacs, Hungary," indeed captivates with references to use, place and history.317-503-6420; 212 W. 10th St.; www.stutzartists.com, www. GoRedForWomen.org.

— SUSAN WATT GRADE

VISUAL ART

RED/BLACK: RELATED THROUGH HISTORY ****

Eiteljorg Museum; through Aug. 7. Here's a slice of the American story designed to knock your block off. In the works since 2001, this collaboration between the Eiteljorg and Washington, D.C.'s Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian is the first major exhibition to explore the tangled, dynamic and, at times, perverse relations between African- and Native Americans. Red/ Black spans an historic swath that begins with the 16th century slave trade and stretches to

a January 2011 judge's ruling over whether Cherokee Freedmen are rightfully to be considered members of the Cherokee tribe. Artifacts on display include drums, ceramics, textiles and weapons, as well as the slave trader's iron shackles – found here alongside Indian "slave straps," made of leather. As the exhibit documents, Indians and Blacks were often enslaved together and Indians sometimes harbored runaway slaves. But some tribes, especially in the southeast were slaveholders themselves. A Cherokee, Stand Waite, was the last Confederate General to surrender at the end of the Civil War. This carefully researched, astringently unsentimental show combines a rich array of archival materials with contemporary works of art and technology: you can use an iPad to play a game called "Guess My Race," designed by the Race Awareness Project. In all, it's a richly startling experience that may shake your settled notions about American identities and how we assign and choose the parts we play. Be prepared to take some time when you visit; there is a feast of information to absorb and digest. 636-9378; 500 W. Washington St.; www.eiteljorg.org.

-- DAVID HOPPE

VISUAL ART

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SpaceCamp MicroGallery; through February. If you saw the performers getting tangled in the webs of yarn spanning the hallway outside SpaceCamp on First Friday evening, Feb. 4, you might've thought of spiders. This was, in fact, a site-specific installation/performance with a serious purpose (entitled "Maps, Networks, and Nodes"). The performers were recreating what installation artist Christen Sperry-Garcia termed "the improvisation, chaos, and order" you might find, say, in the crowded traffic of a Bangkok side-street by interweaving long strings of yarn into a web-like installation. After their weaving was done, the performers donned hats dubbed "energy conservation units." Then they ate soup. Their hats — designed by Brian Dick — were designed to absorb the energy emanating from the soup. Inside the gallery, the most interesting installation was Derrek Curry and Jennifer Gradecki's "Biofeedback Loop" in which participants got to see a live sex performance in return for having their facial reactions recorded and their stress levels measured. All you got to see, however, were their facial reactions on TV and the record book containing their resulting stress levels! Such performance "byproducts" were the unifying theme of this show, which certainly seemed clever enough. But don't expect any of this stuff to appear in a peer-reviewed science journal anytime soon. Open Saturdays through February. 426-1321; Murphy Arts Building, 1043 Virginia Ave.; www.spacecampgallery.com

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EVERY DAY IN FEBRUARY!

Hip comforts

Tavern On South plays deep

BY DAVID HOPPE DHOPPE@NUVO.NET

The infelicitously named Lucas Oil Stadium (aka the House That Manning Built) is many things to many people. But whether you regard it as a Romanesque symbol of misplaced civic priorities or flagship for our major league aspirations, there is no denying the Luc's potential as a draw for development in a part of downtown that sorely needs it.

A welcome case-in-point is Tavern On South, a new eatery that adroitly blends a feel for its neighborhood's workingclass roots with an upscale whiff of spiff.

South Street, as it happens, runs east and west along downtown's southern rim. Tavern On South is located in a vintage brick building to the west of the stadium, in the immediate shadow of our local version of a dark satanic mill — IPL's enormous art deco power plant.

Even though it's only been open a couple of months, lunch time on a recent Wednesday found TOS's elegantly casual interior crowded with folks conveying the impression they'd flown their professional coops in favor of this restaurant's hip take on comfort food.

We started by ordering a Tuscan Salad adorned with three beef tenderloin medallions (\$12). The salad itself was a sparking pile of lettuces mixed with chopped Greek olives, pepperoncini, red onions, cucumbers and crumbled feta cheese, judiciously drizzled with a red wine vinaigrette. This would have been fine by itself, but the addition of the three meltingly succulent cuts of beef cooked medium rare, constituted a meal in itself.

TOS's lunch menu includes some intriguing starters, like Crab Ravioli (\$9) and Indiana Shagbark Ahi, a seared pepper crusted Tuna served with Indiana shagbark hickory-soy syrup (\$10), not to mention the now ever-present selection of 12-inch pizzas.

But we were drawn to their sandwiches, a genre, it turned out, where TOS really has something to say. I ordered the "Tavern Smoked" Bison Burger (\$13), a patty the size of an old time baseball mitt, topped with charred tomato barbeque glaze, Mariah's Indiana peppered bacon and a sprinkle of blue cheese on a fresh brioche bun. Our server told me the flavor mix involving the sauce, bacon and cheese was amazing, and he was not mistaken. The bacon, in particular, invested each bite with not just the taste, but a grilled aroma that made this burger truly memorable.

I was also curious to see how the kitchen would handle Bison, as I've generally found local variants of this meat lacking the juiciness of its beefy cousin. Not this time. The TOS Bison Burger holds its own with the best beef burgers in town.

My companion put TOS's sandwich chef to a similar test by ordering their version of another local favorite, Tavern Tenderloin Sliders (\$9.50). The pork tenderloin is probably Indy's most iconic dish. But it's usually a double handful, an oversized slab of fried meat on a ridiculously under-developed bun. TOS offers a civilized alternative by handcutting the tenderloin into what they call "minis" and serving them with shredded lettuce and a mustard aioli sauce on fresh, dark brown pretzel buns. The tender meat comes encased in a crispy, almost Orientalstyle carapace featuring glints of sea salt and herbs. It's a pleasure sans guilt.

Sandwiches at TOS come with a variety of sides. We ordered French fries that were nicely seasoned, free of grease and fresh at the center and, a real find, a cold curryinflected salad made with Hurst's lentils with finely chopped carrots, celery and red onion.

As with so many of the dishes here (not to mention an extensive and thoughtfully chosen selection of regional craft beers), the nod toward Hurst's homegrown brand evinced a genuine sense of place. Tavern On South may be a downtown newcomer, but it feels like its been here for generations. ■



Bison Burger (\$13), a truly memorable meal.

Tavern On South

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CULINARY **PICKS**



LOCAL FOOD CHALLENGE POTLUCK -THURSDAY, FEB. 24

With all the ice that is just starting to melt wouldn't it be nice to have a locally grown, homemade meal to share with your neighbors? Come on down to New Day Meadery in Fountain Square 1102 E. Prospect St.) for a potluck dinner on Feb. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Come to enjoy the flavors

of Indiana from home grown food residents have concocted — and bring your own too. Admission is FREE. Simply bring a potluck/pitch-in dish to share made with locally grown or produced food. Dining utensils are limited so please bring your own plates and utensils. Bring your recipe, too, as the Indianapolis Food, Farm and Family Coalition will post your recipes on their blog. http://indyfoodsecurity.blogspot.com



If you have an item for the Culinary Picks, send an e-mail at least two weeks in advance to culinary@nuvo.net.

BEER BUZZ



NEW ON TAP

Before Winterfest appeared in 2010, Lafayette Brewing Company's Winter Warmer made its debut in 2001 as a small festival for big beers to raise funds for an endowed scholarship at Purdue's School of Consumer and Family Sciences. Over the decade funds also have been raised for dozens of community needs in the name of "Laura's Kids." If you didn't make it to talk with brewers from Back Road, Barley Island, Bloomington, BRBP, Brugge, Crown, Figure 8, Half Moon, Mad Anthony, People's, Sun King and Tippecanoe Homebrewers about what's special about winter beers, Indianapolis offers a line up for conversing and sipping. Remember to allow big brews to warm up for fullest flavor:

The Ram's #999 is an exercise in blending a heap of hops for an'Oh My!' freshly mowed field nose and a tongue-grabbing, dry citrsy floral first taste to a tangy finish. In Hops We Trust is an Imperial IPA.

Rock Bottom downtown offers a lots of hops substance to Sub Zero Old Ale/Strong Ale, a "high end stout" with a spicy nose, rosy hue and first sip slide from sweet to strong, and a bracing finish all the way to the bottom of the tulip vessel. A winner of gold at the Indiana state Fair Brewer's Cup, Sub Zero just took bronze at the 2010 World Beer Cup in Chicago

NUVO missed the RB College Park Sub Zero tapping so brewer Liz Laughlin describes it as "very malty and hoppy with quite a bit of bitterness and rings in at 7.2%abv," the lowest % of the new on tap.

Sun King's nuanced complexity keeps you engaged from the start to finish and then some with a bold, Russian Imperial Stout named Timmie. Oak aged and coffee infused sips reveal a cascade from cognac to black currant. The English hop finish cleanses so you can start another round of tasting until the snifter sports lace.

EVENTS

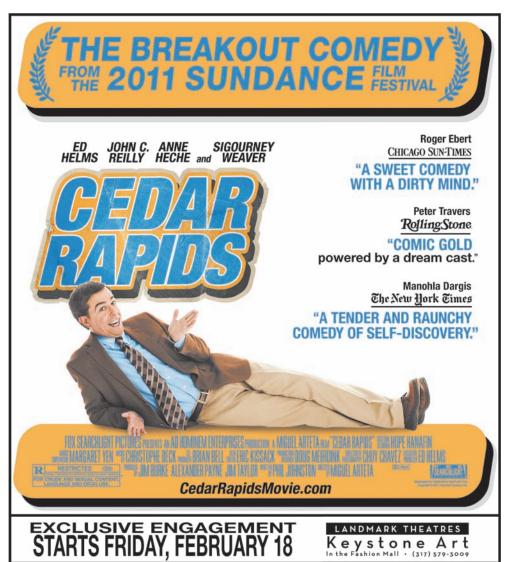
Feb. 18, 7:00 p.m. Omni Severin, 40 W. Jackson Place, "Heart of the Brews: supporting research for kids with ailing hearts" raises funds for the Riley Heart Research Center. Brews and brewers from Barley Island, Sun King and Upland. Information and reservations at 278-1130.

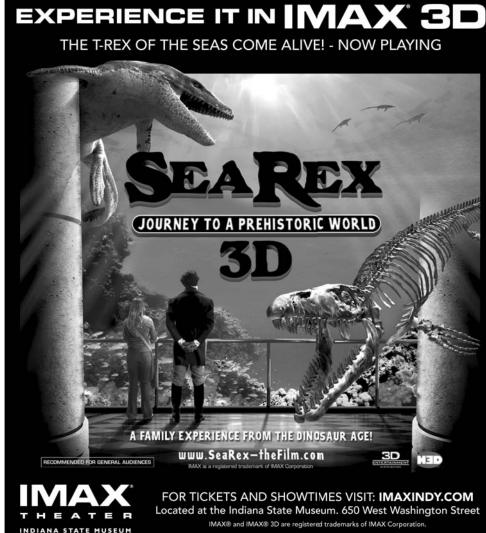
Feb. 23, 6:00 p.m., Tomlinson Tap Room, mezzanine level, Indianapolis City Market, tapping of over a dozen Indiana Winter 2011 ReplicAles. The recipe is a recreation of the Imperial Double Stout brewed by the defunct Ackerman's Brewery in New Albany. New Albanian Brewing Company brewer Jared Williamson is there to talk about recreating historical beers as you sip and savor



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The Oscar-**Nominated Short Films**

★★★☆ (NR)

Live Action

Opening Friday at Landmark's Keystone Art Cinema, The Oscar-Nominated Short Films 2011: Live Action includes two standout features: The Crush and Na Wewe, along with three other entertaining entries.

The Confession (U.K., 26 minutes). Nineyear-old Sam is worried that he has nothing worthy to say at his first confession at church. The plan he and his best pal cook up to commit a little sin takes a seriously wrong turn. Then things get even worse. The short is easy to watch because the performances are so natural, but the second twist is a real eye-roller. So much straining simply to be ironic!

The Crush (Ireland, 15 minutes). Not the most original short, but certainly the most charming. Eight-year-old Ardal Travis (Oran Creagh, son of writer/director Michael Creagh) declares his love for

his teacher. When he meets her fiancé and determines him to be a jerk, he challenges the man to a duel. The utter sincerity of the kid is what sells the story. Reminiscent of Rushmore, only without the affectations that some found alienating.

God of Love (U.S., 18 minutes). Raymond Goodfellow is a crooner who literally hits the bullseye while he sings ("he melts hearts while he throws darts"). He's a loser at love, though, until he finds some magic darts and... oh never mind. The comedy is clunky, but Luke Matheny, the actor who plays Raymond, has a great face and a winning, self-deprecating style.

Na Wewe (Belgium, 19 minutes). A tense confrontation in 1994 Burundi gets more and more complicated as the minutes tick by. The absurdity of thinking in terms of "us vs. them" is made clear without becoming ham-handed. Good acting all around as well, plus a compelling song by Belgium performer Jeremie Hakeshimana. Powerful stuff.

Wish 143 (U.K., 24 minutes). A 15-yearold boy's last wish is to lose his virginity. The mix of comedy and drama works primarily because the filmmakers steer clear of sentimentality.

Animated

Also opening Friday at Landmark's Keystone Art Cinema, The Oscar-Nominated Short Films 2011: Animated



"Na Wewe" features a tense confrontation in 1994 Burundi

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offers one clear winner, Madagascar, Carnet De Voyage, plus two bonus cartoons along with the nominees.

Madagascar, Carnet De Voyage (France, 11 minutes). A gorgeous, exhilarating vacation in 11 minutes. Drawings made in a sketchbook by Bastien Dubois during a trip to Madagascar come to glorious life, including images from La Famadihana, a celebration/ceremony which means "the turning of the dead." It has solemn moments, but the film is full of life, with beautiful, detailed art accompanied by festive music. What a treat.

Day & Night (U.S., 6 minutes). Pixar's entry reminded me of the '60s-era Warner BroS. cartoons that tried to be contemporary - it's clever and certainly held my attention, but felt less substantial than

most Pixar shorts. Still cute, however.

The Gruffalo (U.K./Germany, 27 minutes). Entertaining fairy tale chronicling the adventures of a traveling mouse bluffing scary animals with tales of the fierce Gruffalo... then guess what he meets?

Let's Pollute (U.S., 6 minutes). This satiric ode to pollution is too smug for my taste. No thank you.

The Lost Thing (Australia/U.K., 15 minutes). A boy finds a creature that looks like a cross between a tentacled animal and a clay pot. The story of their time together is poky, but the visual payoff is nice. Like many of the films this year, both live action and animated, the lighting is muted. Apparently overcast skies are more authentic than sunny ones. ■

FILM CLIPS

The following are reviews of films currently playing in Indianapolis area theaters. Reviews are written by Ed Johnson-Ott (EJO) unless otherwise noted.

CEDAR RAPIDS

Well-reviewed comedy about a naïve insurance agent (Ed Helms, Andy from *The Office*) away from his small hometown for the first time for an insurance convention in Cedar Rapis, Iowa. Costarring John C. Reilly, Anne Heche and Isiah Whitlock, Jr. 86 minutes. Read Ed's review on nuvo.net this Friday.

THE GOOD. THE **BAD AND THE** UGLY

(NR)

★★★☆☆

In the last film of his famous *Dollars* Trilogy, Sergio Leone blesses us with a dusty, leathered masterpiece brimming with bandits, hangings, double-crosses, buried treasure, and a five-minute Mexican standoff that will have you gasping for air. Clint Eastwood reprises his role as the Man With No Name, a snarling, cigar-chompling questions who forms a present size of the day. ing gunslinger who forms an uneasy alliance with a local thief in order to find a buried hoard of Confederate gold. The film's wide-reaching visuals, along with the legendary score by Ennio Merricone, are the stuff of movie lore. Presented by the Indianapolis Film Festival's Roving Cinema, Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Eiteljorg. Movie candy, cash bar and complimentary popcorn will be available. \$8 for admis-Derrick Carnes

I AM NUMBER **FOUR**

(PG-13)



Three are dead. He is Number Four. D.J. Caruso (Eagle Eye, Disturbia) helms an action-thriller about an extraordinary young man, John Smith (Alex Pettyfer), who is a fugitive on the run from ruthless enemies sent to destroy him. Changing his identity, moving from town to town with his guardian angel (Timothy Olyphant), John is always the new kid with no ties to the past. In a small Ohio town, he finds his first love (Dianna Agron), powerful new abilities and a connection to others who share his destiny. 104 minutes.

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Alex Pettyfer stars in 'I Am Number Four'.

UNKNOWN (PG-13)

Dr. Martin Harris (Liam Neeson) awakens after a car accident in Berlin to discover that his wife (January Jones) suddenly doesn't recognize him, and another man (Aidan Quinn) has assumed his identity. Ignored by authorities and chased by mysterious assassins, he finds himself alone, tired and on the run. Aided by an unlikely ally (Diane Kruger), Martin plunges into a deadly mystery to find his own







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music

The Toasters

30 years of ska

BY WADE COGGESHALL MUSIC@NUVO.NET

ure, ska had only a short commercial heyday in the '90s, when groups like The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Reel Big Fish charted on alternative radio. But it never really went away.

At least not for The Toasters. The New York-based collective is largely considered a forerunner in the ska movement in this country, bringing it to these shores in 1981. Founder Robert "Bucket" Hingley may be the only original member left, but he's proudly continued the tradition. In fact The Toasters are embarking on their 30th anniversary tour, which includes a stop at the Melody Inn's Punk Rock Night. Asked if he ever would've believed his band would reach such a milestone, Hingley said he wouldn't have bet on it.

"I would've said you're crazy," Hingley said by phone while on tour somewhere in Texas.

Keeping such an enterprise active for so long in such a mercurial business is quite a feat. Hingley said it's been possible for many simple reasons.

"Ît's always something I wanted to do," he said. "I've really enjoyed the touring life. It's always been a band that's designed to play out live rather than go in the studio. That's really what's set us up to be around for so long. The music business has changed pretty radically over the past 20 years. Fortunately we've managed to stay ahead of the curve. The touring idiom, The Toasters have managed to adapt to that quite well."

Indeed, The Toasters have only released nine studio albums in the past 30 years, most of them on Hingley's own Moon Ska Records (now defunct). Typically playing hundreds of shows a year, the live gig has always been the band's bread and butter.

'I think we've found a comfortable spot, and there's plenty of fans to keep it moving along for us," Hingley said.

Riding the third wave

That wasn't so much the case in the beginning. Hingley was attending university in the United Kingdom in the late '70s when he started hearing Two Tone, a form of ska that incorporated punk and New Wave elements (though he was actually exposed to earlier forms of ska in the '60s, his first record purchase being Millie Smalls' "My Boy Lollipop").

"That kicked me off in the right direction," Hingley said. "I guess I brought it with me in my back pocket when I came to the States in 1980."

The problem was that ska hadn't really reached these shores yet.

"I was pretty surprised how little people knew of it," Hingley said.



Robert "Bucket" Hingley (center) has led The Toasters through 30 years on the road.

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Popular Two Tone acts like Madness and The English Beat were playing to almost nonexistent crowds in New York at the time.

'It kind of made my mind up to take a stab at it," Hingley said. "The rest is pretty much history.

Working out of a comic book shop at the time, he didn't have trouble finding bandmates for his venture, known as Not Bob Marley before becoming The Toasters.

"Teaching them how to play ska music was the trick," Hingley said. "They always wanted to play up on the on beat. I was like no, it's one and three not two and four."

They followed their Two Tone brethren, playing to virtually no one in rinky-dink clubs. The Toasters eventually caught their break by getting on bills with the likes of Bad Brains and Murphy's Law, and becoming regulars at CBGB through one of the club's audition nights.

They liked us enough to bring us back on the weekends," Hingley said. "That was the springboard for everything.'

True worth recognized

It took another decade or so, but The Toasters came to inspire a host of bands that took advantage of the fruits of their

labors. By the mid-90's, Hingley's Moon Ska Records was one of the biggest ska labels in the world.

That was really a good time —just being in the cockpit while all that was going on," he said. "Those years went by in a rush. But it was really fun to see all that happening. It always could've panned out in a different direction, but that's life. I think it's safe to say a lot more people know what ska music is now than they did in the '80s.'

At the height of ska's popularity, The Toasters played festivals and what Hingley calls "enormo-domes." While Hingley appreciated the recognition the form was finally getting here, that part got away from its roots.

"The way ska music is, I think it's much better when you're in a tight little club," he said. "That's where the best atmospheres are generated. I don't mind playing the small-club circuit at all. It's much more down to the nitty-gritty and we have a good time doing it."

That mindset has taken them to some far-off places. One that sticks in Hingley's mind is Siberia.

'It was like a time warp," he said. "Even though it was 2005, there it was like 1975.

They still had Communism and no clue what was going on in the West. It's part of a disappearing world. Pretty soon it's going to be McDonald's everywhere. I count ourselves lucky we can play some of these places where it's still the old world."

What keeps it interesting for Hingley is that despite his globetrotting ways, there are still plenty of locales where The Toasters haven't played. Perhaps the group, which is releasing new material on vinyl in the spring and planning a reunion show with several former members in the fall, will only call it quits once they've played just about every corner of the planet.

There's always a new crop of fans," Hingley said. "Everywhere you look there's always fresh blood to keep ska going."

THE TOASTERS, LOCKSTEP, BLEACH

Melody Inn, 3826 N. Illinois St., 923-4707 Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 p.m., \$10, 21+ www.melodyindy.com



Nichols: interview with Truth & Salvage Co.'s Tim Jones, roots rock notes

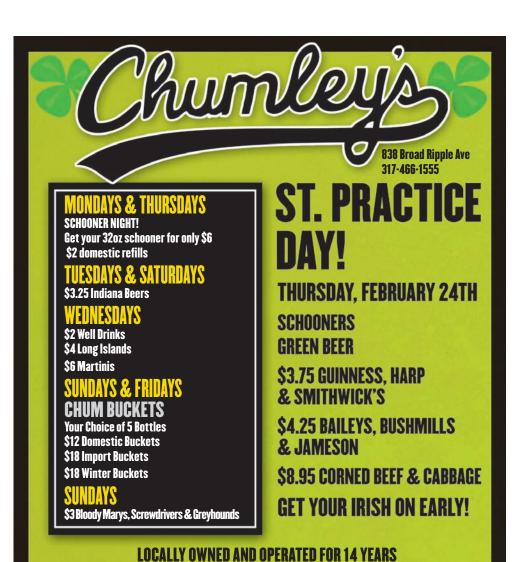
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Dominique Young Unique

Just putting it on paper

BY DANIELLE LOOK MUSIC@NUVO.NET

The British fashion magazine Dazed & Confused may have compared Tampa emcee Dominique Young Unique to some of rap's toughest names in suggesting that she combines "the sexy swagger of Lil Kim, the ghetto credibility of Trina and the spitting skills of Nicki Minaj." But we think she's a little sweeter than that, contagiously playful at times, maybe even innocent. When we reached her for an interview ahead of her Friday show at Room 929, she was nothing but passionate about her loves - her hometown, her fans, the performers who have inspired her.

NUVO: You were in school when you started doing music as a career?

DOMINIQUE YOUNG UNIQUE: Yes! I was taking interior design and I used to go to school and write music in class. My teacher, Ms. Harper, would be like, "Dominique, what are you doing?" and I'd be like, "Oh nothing, Ms. Harper. I'm studying for the test." And then she'd look at the piece of paper I was writing lyrics on and she'd say, "Oh, it seems like you're in love!" and I'd say, "Oh no, Ms. Harper, that's the songs I'm writing!

NUVO: Have your lyrics changed over time as you've grown and seen your career mature?

DOMINIQUE: I know it's changed. When I was younger I was just talking about anything, you know. But as I get older and mature, I feel like I can actually make a song out of my life. I can sing about what I've been through. And that's what I do. I don't do it in a gangster way, but my fans know where I'm coming from. And I'm pretty sure some of my fans been through what I've been through. They've seen what I've seen. I just put it on paper.

NUVO: What was it like coming up in the scene?

DOMINIQUE: It was so hard. Like, every time when I used to go to studios in Tampa, a man would try to talk to me. The dudes were always trying to talk to me and get into my panties or whatever. But I was just in the studio for one thing — to record my music. And then I found David Alexander, my producer, and he was the perfect producer for me because he was actually trying to push my lyrics, my music.

NUVO: What kind of support have you gotten from the local Tampa community and media?

DOMINIQUE: It seems like everybody knows about Dominique Young Unique and they love me. They're always talking good about

me. And Tampa is my city, my hometown. But, it seems like nobody is happy that I'm trying to make it and put Tampa on the map. Nobody good in Tampa ever made it. Even though it seems like they're not happy about all that, I still love Tampa. It's my home. It's where I'm born and raised from. I'm just trying to do what's right. You know, I want our city to have history.

NUVO: How was it touring with The Dirty Projectors?

DOMINIQUE: Oh my god! That's my first time touring with somebody. It was so wonderful! I loved it. I was the opening act and the Dirty Projectors fans were going so crazy about Dominique Young Unique. It was so fun. Amber [Coffman] was telling me about Solange Knowles, Beyonce's sister. She came to see me perform. Amber turned Solange on to me so I was like, "Solange Knowles is watching me! And I see her!"

NUVO: What's on your plate right now?

DOMINIQUE: Oooo! I'm working on my new single, "Follow Me." I can't wait for everyone to hear the new track. I think it's amazing. It's gonna be a big surprise.



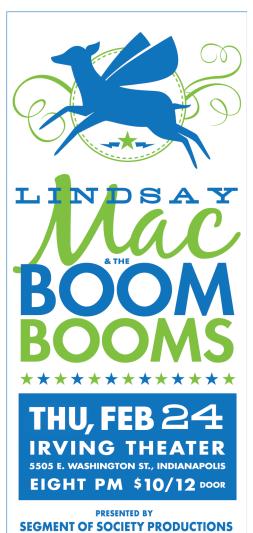


DOMINIQUE YOUNG UNIQUE. **DJ GABBY LOVE**

Room 929 at The Ripple Inn, 929 Westfield Blvd., Friday, Feb. 18 9 p.m., \$7 advance (eventbrite.com), \$10 door, 21+







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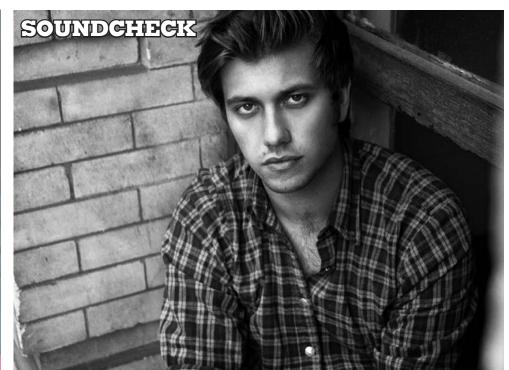




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Wednesday

CHRISTIAN TAYLOR SHOWCASE

Melody Inn, 3826 N. Illinois St. 9 p.m., \$5, 21+

Former America Owns the Moon frontman Christian Taylor hosts another of his occasional showcases for local singer-songwriters and bands, this time bringing in Adam Kuhn, Vacation Club, Homeschool, Cosmic Laughter, Seryn and Lee Lee.

A-1 APACHE DROPOUT **AUDIO-VISUAL BLOWOUT**

Earth House, 237 N. East St. 8 p.m., \$5, all-ages

EXPERIMENTAL

Bloomington-based primitive psych-rock band Apache Dropout, whose debut full-length is due on Lafayette's Family Vineyard label in late March, headlines a night of visual and sound art at the Earth House. With visual art by Austin Dickson, Greg Ajamie and Austin Reavis, and music by Golden Moses and Moemoemoe (Adam Gross, Melanie Rau).

HIP-HOP

LIFT OFF

Locals Only, 2449 E. 56th St., 8 p.m., \$5, 21+ Four See Entertainment presents a night of live music and CD releases from some of Indy's discovered and undiscovered talents, including Green Hornet (Eratic & Mr. Kinetik, with a new EP on Audio Recon), Mo.Jey, Sleeper Cell, Brad Real, El Carnicero & Verse, Ms. Talented and DJ Deadrisk.

DOMINIQUE YOUNG UNIQUE, DJ **GABBY LOVE**

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Saturday

JAZZ MEETS GOSPEL: YOLANDA ADAMS AND TAKE 6

Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts 355 City Center Dr., 8 p.m., sold-out, all-ages The Grammy-winning a cappella jazz group Take 6 is joined by gospel singer Yolanda Adams, called the number one gospel artist of the past decade by Billboard Magazine and one of the featured vocalists in a tribute to Aretha Franklin during this year's Grammy broadcast.

THE MANHATTAN TRANSFER AND JOHN PIZZARELLI

Clowes Memorial Hall, 4602 Sunset Ave., 8 p.m. \$30-40 adults, \$25-35 students and seniors, all-ages John Pizzarelli has always been of the old school — his recording debut, I'm Hip – Please Don't Tell My Father, drew on jazz classics and the American Popular Songbook, and his trio has backed jazz and pop purists throughout the past three decades, including high-profile dates behind Frank Sinatra in the early '90s. Restless and innovative jazz vocal group The Manhattan Transfer draws

<u>Thursday</u>

COLINTRY

GEORGE STRAIT, REBA MCENTIRE, LEE ANN WOMACK

Conseco Fieldhouse, 125 N. Pennsylvania St. 7 p.m., \$41.50-91.50 (plus applicable fees), 21+ Superstars of country.

BOBBY LONG, STEVEN COOLEY

Radio Radio, 1119 E. Prospect St. 8 p.m., \$12 advance, 21+

Long, a British singer-songwriter born near Manchester, wrote a senior thesis on the social impact of American folk music, and shortly after flew across the pond to present his own stuff before U.S. fans. Learning is all about doing. His debut album on ATO Records (Dave Matthews' label, to which he signed in early 2010) was released February 1.

ROCK

MARC BROUSSARD, DREW HOLCOMB & THE NEIGHBORS

The Vogue, 6259 N. College Ave., 8 p.m. \$18 advance (plus applicable fees), \$20 door, 21+ A Lafayette, La. native born to an R&B guitarist, Broussard has made his name mixing blue-eyed soul with zydeco and rock.

Friday

ROCK

CLUTCH, VALIENT THORR, PHOENIX ON THE FAULTLINE

The Vogue, 6259 N. College Ave. 8 p.m., \$17 (plus applicable fees), 21+ The blues, funk and metal inform Clutch's syncretic stoner rock, which the band has been touring behind since the early '90s.

upon the whole range of jazz techniques, including their own vocalese arrangements, while also going further afield into the worlds of pop and world music. There's tended to be a commercial sheen to their work, and they started off life as almost a straight-up nostalgia act, complete with a stint hosting a summer replacement series, a la Sha Na Na. But their talent has always been evident regardless of the setting, and their live show largely sheds any of the dross found on their studio records.

SKA

PUNK ROCK NIGHT WITH THE TOASTERS, LOCKSTEP, **BLEACH BATTALION, CIRCLE CITY DEACONS**

Melody Inn, 3826 N. Illinois St., 10 p.m., \$10, 21+ See feature, pg 26.

ROOTS

TRUTH & SALVAGE CO., CHAD MILLS Radio Radio, 1119 E. Prospect St.

9 p.m., \$8 advance, \$10 door, 21+ Roots-rock band Truth & Salvage Co. got a careerlaunching boost from their association with The Black Crowes — they opened for the band during much of 2009, and Crowes lead singer Chris Robinson produced their 2010 debut record. Tim Jones, the guitarist for Truth & Salvage who once fronted the Bloomington roots act Old Crow, spoke with NUVO's Rob Nichols this week. Here's an excerpt from the interview, available in its entirety on nuvo.net.

NUVO: It's been almost a year since the great show (voted Best Show of 2010 by me) that you and the Truth and Salvage Co. guys played at Birdy's. How's the band?

TIM JONES: The last year — two years really - has been an intense, beautiful, incredible gauntlet. The Black Crowes. the Avett Brothers and Jackie Greene have been so kind to share their audience with us and let us open for them, and now we're able to headline our own shows and really do what we do. Indy is definitely one of our favorite places to play and now a city that we know we have a lot of friends, fans and my family in. Indianapolis has been so great to us.

NUVO: Have you played with any other musicians/bands that were notable? Hung with any "heroes"?

JONES: A new band that we really like, Dawes, opened for us on New Year's Eve in Seaside, Florida. It's always a great thing when the people are as cool as the music of theirs that you love. We had a blast. On the Rock Boat

(a rock-themed cruise), we hung out a lot with Ed Kowalczyk. My band in high school. Planet Earth, used to cover his songs. Some friends and I drove to Bogarts (in Cincinnati) to see Live, so it was really cool to have him in the audience at our shows and really enjoying our music. What a really wonderful guy too - it's great when you meet someone that you admired as a kid and they turn out to be everything you imagined.

Sunday

AN EVENING WITH KRISTOPHER ROE

Radio Radio, 1119 E. Prospect St. 9 p.m., \$6 advance, \$8 door, 21+ Roe, the lead singer and sole surviving band member of The Ataris, a pop-punk band from Anderson that once enjoyed major-label status, presents his songs in stripped-down, acoustic form.

Monday

MANIC MONDAY

Rock Lobster, 820 Broad Ripple Ave. 10 p.m., free, 21+

This month at the '80s dance night Manic Monday, A Squared DJs and Action Jackson will be joined by special guests Kalliopi and Rachel Rubes, all of them paying tribute to John Hughes' Rat Pack film Pretty in Pink.

<u>Tuesday</u>

FOLK-ROCK

JOSHUA RADIN, CARY BROTHERS, LAURA JANSEN

The Voque, 6259 N. College Ave., 8 p.m., \$15 advance (plus applicable fees), \$17 door, 21+ Vaulted to stardom with the help of Zach Braff, who helped to get one of his songs on the soundtrack of Scrubs in 2004, Radin really hit his stride when he started hanging out and touring with singer-songwriters associated with L.A.'s Hotel Cafe such as Sara Bareilles, Ingrid Michaelson and Jim Bianco. He amped up his sedate folk-pop a bit on his Oct. 2010 record The Rock and the Tide.









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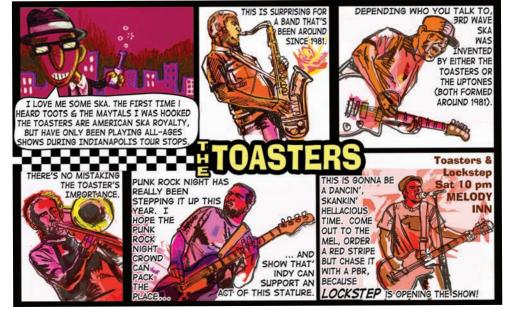


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REVIEWS

THURSDAY

THE KEMPS, ASTRO FANG AND JOHN RAMBO AND THE VIETNAM WARS Rock Lobster, Feb. 10

The Kemps, Astro Fang and John Rambo and the Vietnam Wars took over the Rock Lobster's stage Feb. 10, playing a free show sponsored by Butler Scion (which explained the presence of Scion 'zines and bottle openers on every table).

Up first was The Kemps, an Indianapolis band that established their home field advantage from note one, opening with a cover of "All I Have To Do Is Dream," first made famous in 1958 by the Everly Brothers. The sound of their four-piece, two-guitar attack bounced around the room through their brisk set. Their start-stop economy rock built to a climax that featured one member standing atop his amplifier for

the start of the last song. Hailing from Dayton, Ohio, Astro Fang then staked their claim to the venue. Outer space guitar effects mixed with an utterly aggressive rhythm section. The bass player used chords quite a lot and the drummer's kick pedal stayed warm all evening. I can honestly say it was one of the "loudest bands I've ever heard," as the shaky note scribbled in my notebook read. The set ended with a bang when the bass player picked up microphone with his teeth on the last song, "Super Rat."

John Rambo and the Vietnam Wars were charged with tying everything together, as they did recently at the Melody Inn's Punk Rock Night. The band was as consistently rocking as expected, building to an encore with Elvis Costello's "You Belong To Me."

- ROB BURGESS

FRIDAY ROCKET DOLL REVUE AND SHELBY COUNTY SINNERS Radio Radio. 11

The Rocket Doll Revue went on in grand fashion Friday night. Song and dance numbers with multiple participants gave way to a paired-off tap dance that ended with performers far less clothed than they had begun. A Valentine's Day-specific rendition of Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Were Made for Walking" also brought the house down.

After a brief intermission, the three-piece Shelby County Sinners donned the stage. Lead singer, guitarist and mandolin player Shelby Kelley announced that the band was not

actually from Shelby County before he, upright bass player Mo Foster and guitarist Eric Grimmitt proceeded to power through one song after another of percussion-less rock and roll.

The Shelby County Sinners are a solid band with varied instrumentation. Grimmitt is a competent lead guitarist, Foster never failed to deliver on the low end and Kelley's vocals were clear, strong and perfectly understandable. Those closest to the stage between the Rocket Doll Revue's sets may have come for the scantily clad theatrical satire, but they stayed, at least in part, for the trio's grounded sound.

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MONDAY

GALACTIC

The Vogue, Feb. 14

As a Galactic enthusiast who became a fan during the From The Corner To The Block era, I was slightly disappointed to hear very few tunes from the 2007 album during Monday night's show at The Vogue. Instead, three signs were hung across the backdrop that read "YA", "KA", and "MAY"— collectively, the title of their newest album released just last week, and a sign that the night would consist mostly of new material.

After a few opening songs, Galactic invited touring partner Corey Glover (of Living Color) to the stage to add vocals to the otherwise instrumental mix. Midway through the show, Galactic launched a song featuring Corey Henry (of Rebirth Brass Band) on the trombone, playing what could have been described as a snake charming riff. It was here that the show really picked up momentum, igniting a dance freak-out across The Vogue and moving bold concertgoers to light up and puff, puff, pass — despite security's best efforts to stop them.

Corey Glover was re-introduced to the stage after an all-instrumental portion of the show. "This one's for all the lovers on Valentine's Day," he announced as he approached the microphone. Not much later, select members of opening act Orgone came to the stage for a few songs, giving the amazingly soulful Fanny Franklin another chance on lead vocals — and giving me the opportunity to witness the only cowboy hat-wearing trombone player I've ever seen in my life.

> -DANIELLE LOOK music@nuvo.net



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Lyle Lovett (left) and John Hiatt share a joke Saturday night at the Murat Theatre.

SATURDAY LYLE LOVETT AND JOHN HIATT Murat Theatre, Feb. 12

On the surface, Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt have little in common. Lovett, an understated and powder-dry Texan, can break your heart or make you laugh. An Indianapolis native Hiatt, writes rootsy rock with a garage band edge and sings with a nasal howl that brings out his discontent and makes it relatable.

What they share is this: They're both exceptional songwriters and, despite decades of acclaim, neither has achieved close to the commercial success he deserves.

They displayed those differences and similarities in glorious form Saturday night at the Murat Theatre, where, equipped with just acoustic guitars, they traded the spotlight and took the opportunity to showcase their talents.

For two-plus hours and 24 songs, they swapped family stories – Hiatt sang "Seven Little Indians," a tribute to his storytelling dad; Lovett followed with "South Texas Girl," an ode to car trips with his parents – as well as songs about trying to get a little nookie and being, to use Hiatt's phrase, "masters of disaster."

They performed fan favorites – Hiatt had a great time with "Thing Called Love" and "Memphis in the Meantime"; Lovett did the same with "She's No Lady" and "If I Had a Boat" – and each offered stirring renditions of several of their songs. Lovett's best moment was his gorgeous, crystalline rendition of "North Dakota," while Hiatt showed off his storytelling chops

with "Trudy and Dave."

And between songs, they cracked wise. Hiatt's Murat debut allowed him to marvel at the building and "what men with funny hats and little cars can accomplish." Lovett joked that he came up during the "New Country Scare of 1985." After Lovett sang "Don't Touch My Hat" ("You can have my girl/but don't touch my hat"), Hiatt said, "I think your priorities are in order too." Responded Lovett: "It really depends on the hat."

Some of their patter sounded rehearsed, but clearly they knew where they were. Hiatt said when he left Indianapolis in 1971, he was basically "shown the edge of town." Lovett recalled his Indianapolis shows from years past, including at Starlight Musicals. (He was too polite to mention that, as an opening act, he blew Rickie Lee Jones off the stage.)

For most of the evening, the between-song patter was their only interaction. Lovett added a little backing vocal to "Cry Love" and Hiatt played lead guitar on "She's No Lady," but generally they just sat back, listening and appreciating the other's well-crafted lyrics and riffs.

But late in the set, starting with Lovett's "One-Eyed Fiona," they started to work together in earnest, adding vocals and, in Hiatt's case, guitar, to each other's songs. Surprisingly, their voices, which are nothing alike, sounded right together. Well, given their talents, maybe that's not so surprising.

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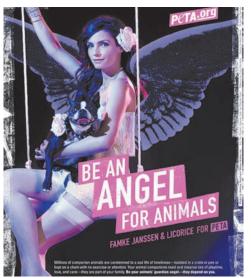
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Plus, UMass Med Center goes hardcore

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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• It was a prestigious hospital on a worthy mission (to recruit hard-to-match bone marrow donors to beef up dwindling supplies), but UMass Memorial Medical Center (Worcester, Mass.) went hardcore: hiring young female models in short skirts to flirt with men at New Hampshire shopping centers to entice them to give DNA swabs for possible matches. Complaints piled up because state law requires insurance providers to cover the tests, at \$4,000 for each swab submitted by the love-struck flirtees, and the hospital recently dropped the program, according to a December New York Times report.

• In December, McCaskey East High School in Lancaster, Pa., established a dynamic new program to improve their students' educational outcomes: racial segregation. At least three of the 11 junior class homerooms were designated as black-only with black girls "mentored" during homeroom period by black female teachers and black boys mentored by black male teachers (on the theory that kids will learn more from people who look like them).

• Vietnam veteran Ronald Flanagan, in the midst of expensive treatment for bone cancer, had his medical insurance canceled in January because his wife mistakenly keyed in a "7" instead of a "9" in the "cents" space while paying the couple's regular premium online, leaving the Flanagans 2 cents short. Said the administrator, Ceridian COBRA Services, that remittance "fit into the definition in the regulations of 'insufficient payment'' and allows termination. (Ceridian said it warned the Flanagans before cancellation, but Ron Flanagan said the "warning" was just an ordinary billing statement that did not draw his attention.)

Unclear on the concept

• From a December memo to paramedics in Edmonton, Alberta, by Alberta Health Services: Drivers should "respond within the posted speed limits even when responding with lights and siren." "Our job is to save lives," AHS wrote, "not put them in jeopardy." According to drivers interviewed by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation News, police have been issuing tickets to drivers on emergencies if they speed or go through red lights.

• In January, Thalia Surf Shop of Laguna Beach, Calif. (named by OC Weekly in 2009 as Orange County's best), ran a special Martin Luther King Jr. promotion featuring "20 Percent Off All Black Products,"

illustrated with a doctored photograph of Dr. King, himself, in one of the shop's finest wet suits (black, of course). (Following some quick, bad publicity, the shop's management apologized.)

• Questionable State Regulation: (1) William MacDonald, restricted by state law wherever he and his wife relocate to because he is a "registered sex offender," told The New York Times in January that his case is particularly "galling," in that his only crime was violating Virginia law by having oral sex with consenting adults, which most legal scholars believe is not a crime (following a 2003 U.S. Supreme Court decision). (Virginia still believes that its law is valid.) (2) Tennessee, the "second-fattest" state, according to a recent foundation report, continues to pay for obese Medicaid recipients to have bariatric surgery (at an average cost of about \$2,000), but to deny coverage for an overweight person to consult, even once, with a dietitian.

The Redneck Chronicles

• (1) Johni Rice, 35, eating at a Waffle House restaurant in Spartanburg, S.C., was charged in January with beating up two diners at another table over the quality of their conversation — a man and a woman who were discussing "women with hairy armpits." Rice was assisted in the pummeling by two other diners, and weaponized food was involved. (2) Among the annual events marking the New Year (similar to the ball-dropping at New York's Times Square), according to a CBS News report: a pickle dropped into a barrel in a North Carolina town, a dropped bologna in Pennsylvania, a dropped frozen carp in Wisconsin, and, in Brasstown, N.C., the dropping of the opossum. (However, according to Clay Logan, founder of the event, the opossum is merely lowered, not dropped.)

First things first

• As of early November, 150 people had been killed by the 2-week-old, erupting Mount Merapi volcano in Central Java, Indonesia, and the government had created shelters in stadiums and public halls for 300,000 jammed-together evacuees. By that time, however, some had petitioned authorities to open up private shelter locations so that the displaced could attend to certain romantic, biological needs. Apparently some evacuees had become so frisky that they had left the shelter and returned to their homes in the danger zone just so they could have sex.





• Jerrold Winiecki, 56, was lifted into an ambulance on Dec. 8 for the 25-minute ride to a hospital in a Minneapolis suburb, after paramedics were unable to keep his airway fully open because of infection. Minutes later, the struggling-to-breathe Winiecki noticed the ambulance stopping at a familiar location enroute — a Subway sandwich shop near his home, thus increasing his distress. The stop was brief; Winiecki later recovered; and doctors said the ambulance ride was not life-threatening. The ambulance company said proper protocols were met, in that the driver did not stop for food but to use a restroom because of diarrhea.

Recurring themes

• Respect for All Cultures: (1) In January, in Village One in Cambodia (about 12 miles from Phnom Penh), local residents alarmed by a spirit-possessed boy gathered, about 1,000 strong, for a goodluck wedding ceremony marrying two pythons — "magic" animals that have the power to bring fortune and happiness. (2) Customs and Border Protection officers at Washington, D.C.'s Dulles Airport often receive international passengers carrying reminders of home — such as the visitor from Ghana who, according to a *Baltimore* Sun report, landed on Dec. 3 carrying a hedgehog, elephant tails, chameleons, skins from cat-like "genets," sheets soaked in the blood of sacrificed chickens, and a package of dirt.







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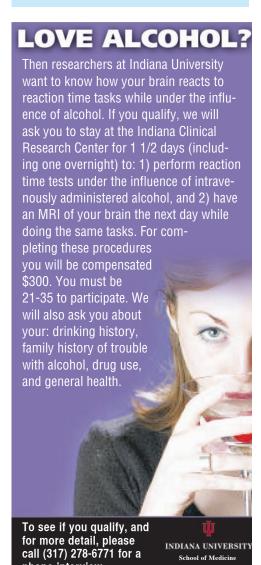


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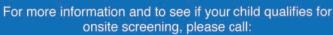
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): "There are nights when the wolves are silent and only the moon howls," said comedian George Carlin. "There are mornings when your dreams are more real and important than your waking life," says my favorite dream worker. "There are times when the doctor isn't feeling well, and only his patient can cure him," says I. Now it so happens, Aries, that in the upcoming week, your life is likely to pass through an alternate reality where all three of the above conditions will prevail — as well as other similar variants and mutations.

REE WILL ASTROLOGY

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hua Chi, a (8) Buddhist monk in China, takes his devotions very seriously. For the last two decades he has performed as many as 3,000 prayers every single day in the same exact spot at his temple. Part of me admires his profound commitment, while part of me is appalled at his insane addiction to habit. It's great that he loves his spiritual work so deeply, but sad that he can't bring more imagination and playfulness to his efforts. I bring this up, Taurus, because I think it's a good time, astrologically speaking, for you to take inventory of the good things you do very regularly. See if you can inject more fun and inventiveness

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "To the scien-工 tist there is the joy in pursuing truth which nearly counteracts the depressing revelations of truth," said science fiction writer H. P. Lovecraft. The clear implication of this statement is that there's always a sense of loss that comes with discovering the way things really are. I protest this perspective. I boycott it. As proof that it's at least partially wrong, I offer up the evidence provided by your life in the days ahead. From what I can tell, the gratification that you feel while hunting down the truth will be substantial, and yet it will ultimately seem rather mild compared to the bliss that arrives when you find what you're looking for.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): People listen when Eric Schmidt speaks. He's the CEO of Google, a company that has major power in shaping the future of information. In recent months he has been riffing on the disappearance of privacy. Because our lives are becoming interwoven with the Internet, he believes it will become increasingly hard to keep any secrets. "If you have something that you don't want anyone to know," he says, "maybe you shouldn't be doing it in the first place." This is especially true for you right now, Cancerian. In the coming weeks, I encourage you to maintain the highest standards of ethical behavior. The lucky thing about this situation is that news of the good deeds you do and smart moves you make are also likely to circulate

far and wide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Six years ago, a friend of mine came to believe she had died in a previous incarnation by being thrown off a horse. From that time on, she felt stuck. She became convinced that her life energy would remain in a state of suspended animation until she learned to feel comfortable on a horse. Fear kept her from even attempting that for a long time, but recently she got up the courage to begin. Her efforts were bumpy at first, but rapidly improved. As she gained confidence as a rider, every other aspect of her life bloomed, too — just as she'd suspected. I think her experience could be useful for you to learn from in the coming months, Leo. What's your biggest, oldest fear? Is there anything you could do to start dissolving it?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "I'm not confused," said poet Robert Frost. "I'm just well mixed." I would love that to be your motto in the coming weeks. You're entering a phase of your cycle when you should be extra curious about blending ingredients in new combinations. In fact, I'll go so far as to say that the cosmos will respond enthusiastically if you take steps to make yourself the embodiment of lush diversity. Celebrate complexity, Virgo! You will generate unexpected strokes of good fortune by experimenting with medleys and syntheses that appeal to the jaunty parts of your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In addition to their standard offerings, the yoga teachers at Atlanta's Tough Love Yoga center (toughloveyoga.com) sometimes offer exotic variations. During their "Metal Yoga" classes, for instance, the soundtrack for their stretching and breathing exercises is heavy metal music. Here's their promise: "Melt your face off in a very relaxing, healing way." That's the spirit I'd like to see you bring to your life in the coming week: vehemently intense but tenderly curative; wickedly fierce but brilliantly rejuvenating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): I would love to see you play with your food this week. And draw pictures on walls. And have conversations with winking statues and talking trees and magic toasters. I'll be thrilled, Scorpio, if you watch cartoons about furry animals outwitting maniacal robots and if you entertain fantasies of yourself pushing a cream pie in the face of an obnoxious authority figure. But given how dignified and discreet you tend to be, I realize the chances of any of this actually happening are miniscule. Can I at least coax you into hopping, skipping, and dancing around a lot when no one's watching?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Better keep yourself clean and bright," said George Bernard Shaw. "You are the window through which you must see the world." Take that advice to heart, Sagittarius. This is an excellent time for you to do any necessary work to get yourself cleaner and brighter. I'm not at all implying that you're a dusty, greasy mess. But like all of us, there's a continuous build-up of foreign matter that distorts the view and that must be periodically washed away. If you do it now, your work will be extra smart and effective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The state of Wisconsin is famous for its cheese, so it wasn't a big surprise when its state legislature decided to honor the bacterium that's essential in making cheddar, Monterey Jack, and Colby cheese. So as of last year, Lactococcus lactis is the official state microbe. I would love to see you decide upon your own most beloved microbe sometime soon, Capricorn. How about naming Ruminococcus or Peptococcus as your personal favorite among all of your gut flora? It's that time of year when it makes cosmic sense to acknowledge and appreciate all of the small and hard-to-see things that keep you thriving.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't put your shoes on before you put on your socks this week, OK? Refrain from polishing off a piece of cheesecake and a bowl of ice cream before dinner, and don't say goodbye whenever you arrive at a new destination. Catch my drift. Aquarius? Do things in the proper order, not just while engaged in the fundamental tasks of your daily rhythm, but also in the long-term processes you're carrying out. Each step in the sequence needs to prepare the way for the next step. Keep a clear vision of the organizing principle that informs your work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Many people know John Mellencamp's song "This Is Our Country" because it was used in a commercial for Chevy Silverado trucks. But if they've only heard it that way, they may be under a mistaken impression about its meaning. The ad quotes just a fraction of the lyrics, including "So let the voice of freedom / Sing out through this land / This is our country." What the ad doesn't include are other lines like "And poverty could be just another ugly thing / And bigotry would be seen only as obscene / And the ones that run this land / Help the poor and common man." Let this serve as a cautionary tale for you, Pisces. Make sure you get the rest of every story — not just the partial truth, but the whole

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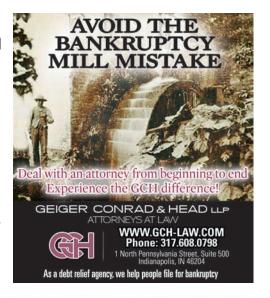
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